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In an ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

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PREFACE.

AS no Gentleman is born
a Justice of Peace, and
the Business is become
so very extensive, that it re-
quires some Years to be in any
tolerable Measure Master of it,
the Precedents of an old Prac-
tiser, with References to the
Authorities on which they are
founded, it is presumed may
be of universal Use. The
Commission itself, which is
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prefix'd, is indeed an ample Authority for a Magistrate to proceed upon, in all Cases where there is an actual Breach of the Peace, or any threatening Speeches, which may affect the Life or Property of the Subject; but the Statutes which authorise him to take Cognizance of Matters foreign to the Peace, or create new Offences which were not such at Common Law, are become so voluminous, and many of them so Intricate, that it may make a Man of good Sense tremble, when he comes to put them in Execution, if he have not Precedents to direct him. It is observed indeed, that Gentlemen of mean Qualifications hesitate less in difficult

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cult Cases, than Men of Experience; either they are not appriz'd of the Hazards they run, or perhaps they are Men of Fortunes and Figure in their Countries, and entertain that Contempt of the Vulgar, that they are not afraid to act Arbitrarily in this Land of Liberty. Certain it is, they sometimes trust a Butler or Coachman, to draw up Warrants and Orders to imprison Mens Persons, and seise their Effects; and if they appear illegal, the poor Dog of a Servant usually bears the Blame; *his Honour* is not presum'd to be at Leisure to attend such trifling Concerns: But though Men of commanding Fortunes may be above the Laws, we have Instances

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stances of some others, in the Commission, who have had Actions brought against them, and have paid very dear for their Mistakes. Gentlemen would do well therefore to be assured they have some Authority to bear them out before they order a Constable to take a Person into Custody, and still more before they commit him to Gaol, or seise his Goods; for Actions will certainly lie against them, and the Officers they employ; and great Damages may be recovered, where there is no legal Authority to found their Orders upon. I shall Instance but in a Case or two; I believe it is usual, in most Countries, for Justices of Peace

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to take Persons into Custody, and compel them to pay Servants Wages, when no Wages have ever been settled at the Quarter-Sessions. They also frequently order Men to the Stocks for swearing or being Drunk, without giving them Time or Opportunity to pay the Penalty. These and other Mistakes of the like Nature, 'tis presum'd, would be avoided if Gentlemen were furnished with Precedents *taken from the Words of the respective Statutes*, of which there will be found such a Variety, in this Collection, that a Man of ordinary Understanding, if he should not meet with an Instrument in every Circumstance suitable to the Case before him, yet he
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may, however, from these, be able to frame one himself, without calling in foreign Assistance. I shall conclude with observing that our Superior Courts are usually extremely indulgent to Gentlemen in Commission of the Peace, when their Conduct happens to be call'd in Question, provided there do not appear some manifest Neglect, Partiality or Prejudice in their Proceedings; and therefore they need be in very little Pain, where they act with sincere and upright Intentions; or, in other Words, have a due Regard to their Oath of Office.

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GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of God, &c. To our well-beloved and faithful, &c. [*The Commission is usually directed to the Lord Chancellor, Treasurer, and all Privy Counsellors, who are Justices of the Peace in every County of England, as well as to the Gentlemen of the proper County, and then goes on.*]

KNOW ye that we have assigned you, and every one of you, jointly and severally, our Justices to keep our Peace in the County of Bedford; and to keep, and

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cause to be kept, all Ordinances and Statutes made for the Good of the Peace, and for Conservation of the same, and for the Quiet, Rule and Government of our People in all and every the Articles thereof, in our said County (as well within the Liberties as without) according to the Force, Form and Effect of the same; and to chastise and punish all Persons offending against the Form of those Ordinances or Statutes, or any of them, in the County aforesaid, as according to the Form of those Ordinances or Statutes shall be fit to be done: And to cause to come before you, or any of you, all those Persons who shall threaten any of the People in their Person, or in burning their Houses, to find sufficient Security for the Peace, or for the Good Behaviour towards Us and the People; and if they shall refuse to find such Security, then to cause them to be kept safe in Prison until they find such Security. We have also assigned you, and every two, or more of you, (whereof any of you the said *A. B. C.* shall be one) our Justices to en-
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quire by the Oath of good and lawful Men of the County aforesaid, by whom the Truth may be better known, of all and all Manner of Felonies, Witchcrafts, Inchantments, Sorceries, Magic Art, Trespasses, Forestallings, Regratings, Ingrossings and Extortions whatsoever; and of all and singular other Misdeeds and Offences, of which Justices of Peace may or ought lawfully to enquire, by whomsoever and howsoever done or perpetrated, or which hereafter shall happen howsoever to be done or attempted in the County aforesaid; and of all those who in the County aforesaid have either gone or ridden, or hereafter shall presume to go or ride in Companies with armed Force against the Peace, to the Disturbance of the People; and also of all those who in like Manner have lain in wait, or hereafter shall presume to lie in wait to Maim or Kill our People; and also of Innholders, and of all and singular other Persons who have offended or attempted, or hereafter shall presume to offend or attempt in the Abuse of Weights and Measures, or

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in the Sale of Victuals, against the Form of the Ordinances or Statutes, or any of them in that Behalf made for the common Good of *England*, and the People thereof in the County aforesaid; and also of all Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Stewards, Constables, Gaolers and other Officers whatsoever, who in the Execution of their Offices about the Premisses, or any of them, have unlawfully demeaned themselves, or hereafter shall presume unlawfully to demean themselves, or have been or hereafter shall be careless, remiss, or negligent in the County aforesaid: And of all and singular Articles and Circumstances, and all other Things whatsoever, by whomsoever and howsoever done or perpetrated in the County aforesaid, or which hereafter shall happen howsoever to be done or attempted in any wise, more fully concerning the Truth of the Premisses, or any of them: And to inspect all Indictments whatsoever so before you, or any of you, taken or to be taken, or made or taken before others, late Justices of the Peace in the County aforesaid,

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saïd, and not as yet determined; and to make and continue the Process thereupon against all and singular Persons so indicted, or which hereafter shall happen to be indicted before you, until they be apprehended, render themselves, or be outlawed: And to hear and determine all and singular the Felonies, Witchcrafts, Inchantments, Sorceries, Magic Arts, Trespasses, Forestallings, Regratings, Ingrossings, Extortions, unlawful Assemblies, Indictments aforesaid, and all and singular other the Premisses, according to the Laws and Statutes of *England*, as in like Case hath been used or ought to be done: And to chastise and punish the said Persons offending, and every of them for their Offences, by Fines, Ransoms, Amercements, Forfeitures, or otherwise, as ought and hath been used to be done, according to the Laws and Customs of *England*, or the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid.

Provided always, That if a Case of Difficulty upon the Determination of any of the Premisses shall happen

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to arise before you, or any two of you, or more of you, then you, nor any two or more of you, do proceed to give Judgment therein, except it be in the Presence of one of the Justices of the one or other Bench, or Justices of Assises in the County aforesaid.

And therefore we command you and every of you, That you diligently intend the Keeping of the Peace, Ordinances, Statutes, and all and singular other the Premisses; and at certain Days and Places which you, or any such two, or more of you, as is aforesaid, shall in that Behalf appoint, ye make Inquiries upon the Premisses, and hear and determine all and singular the Premisses, and perform and fulfil the same in Form aforesaid, doing therein that which to Justice appertaineth, according to the Law and Custom of *England*: Saving to us the Amercements and other Things to us thereof belonging.

And we command, by Virtue of these Presents, the Sheriff of the said County of *Bedford*, that at certain Days and Places which you, or any such

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such two or more of you, as aforesaid, shall make known to him, as aforesaid, he cause to come before you, or such two or more of you, as aforesaid, such and as many good and lawful Men of his Bailiwick (as well within Liberties as without) by whom the Truth in the Premisses may be the better known and inquired of.

Lastly, We have assigned you the said Keeper of the Rolls of the Peace in the said County; and therefore you shall cause to be brought before your self and your said Fellows, at the said Days and Places, the Writs, Precepts, Processess and Indictments aforesaid, that the same may be inspected, and by a due Course determined, as aforesaid. In Witness whereof, &c.

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Observations

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BY Peace in our Law is understood an abstaining from all injurious Force and Violence; and for the Maintenance of this Peace, Justices of Peace were first instituted by the Statute of 1 *Ed. 3. cap. 16.* The Peace is said to be broken by any injurious Force or Violence mov'd against the Person, Goods, Lands, or Possessions of another, whether it be by threatening Words, furious Gesture, Force of the Body, or any other Force us'd *in terrorem.*

The first Clause in the Commission impowers any one Justice of Peace to cause the Peace to be kept, and all Ordinances and Statutes to be

be observ'd, which are made for the Conservation thereof, and for the quiet Government of the People: As the Statute made for Hue and Cry; the Statute against Murderers, Robbers, Felons, Night-walkers and Affrayers: Against Armour worn *in terrorem*, Riots, Forcible Entries, and all other Force and Violence directly against the Peace.

To prevent the Breach of the Peace, such Justice may send his Warrant for the Party, and take sufficient Sureties by Recognizance for keeping the Peace, or for his Good Behaviour, as the Case shall require, and may send the Party to Gaol for not finding such Sureties; but the Statutes made for the Peace are strictly to be pursued; and if no Power be given to any one Justice of Peace alone, then can he not compel the Observation thereof, but may present the Offence at the Sessions.

The second Clause in the Commission gives Authority to any two Justices of the Peace, or more, one of them being of the *Quorum*; in the five following Articles:

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1. To enquire by a Jury of all Offences mention'd within the Commission.

2. To take and view all Indictments or Presentments of the Jury.

3. To grant out Process against the Offenders, thereby to cause them to come and answer.

4. To hear and try all such Offences (upon any former or future Indictments taken before themselves, or before any other Justices of the Peace) after the Offenders be come in.

5. To determine thereof by giving Judgment, and inflicting Punishment upon the Offenders, according to the Laws and Statutes, to wit, by Fine, Imprisonment, or otherwise, according to Law, but not to award any Recompence to the Party wrong'd, otherwise than by Persuasion. But these Particulars are properly the Business of the Quarter-Sessions.

A single Justice of Peace may commit another Justice of Peace for Treason, Felony, or Breach of the Peace.

Two Justices may, at their Discretion, allow or discharge Alehouse-keepers; they may take Recognizances of Alehouse-keepers, for keeping good Orders. *Alehouses, by a late Act, must be licens'd by the Petty Sessions.*

Servants, &c. assaulting their Masters, may be imprison'd for one Year, or less, at the Discretion of two Justices.

Two Justices may (by their Discretion) compel Women to serve, and for such Wages, and in such Sort as they think fit.

Two Justices may tax any in the Hundred, by their Discretion, towards the Relief of the Poor of any Town that is overcharg'd.

Two Justices may dispose of all Forfeitures to grow upon the Statutes of Rogues, at their Discretions.

Two Justices may assess (according to their Discretions) proportionably, all the Parishes within the Hundred, towards a Contribution to the Parties charg'd upon a Robbery, &c.

Two Justices shall take Order (by their Discretion) to set poor Soldiers, &c. to work, that cannot get work, and for Want of Work may tax the
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Hundred, by their Discretions, for the Relief of such Soldiers, &c.

Two Justices may fine (by their Discretions) the Head Officers in Boroughs and Market-Towns, that do not view, &c. all Weights and Measures, or do not break or burn the Defective.

Two Justices may fine (by their Discretions) all Buyers and Sellers with unlawful Weights and Measures, and several other Cases are left to the Discretion of the Justices out of their Sessions; but this *Discretion* ought to be limited and bounded by the Rules of Reason, Law, and Justice, and their Proceedings must be *Secundum Legem & Consuetudinem Angliæ*, and not according to their own private Opinions. In all Cases therefore, where the Statutes refer to the Trial of Offenders to the *Discretion* of a Justice or Justices of Peace out of Sessions, it is requisite that the said Justices take due Examination of the Offenders themselves, and also of credible Witnesses, as well concerning the Fact itself as the Circumstances thereof; and upon Confession, or other due Proof, to proceed

ceed according to Law and Justice, and not to give Sentence before the Party be cited and heard to answer for himself: And in all Cases where the Statutes refer the Trial to the *Discretion* of the Justices, they seem also to authorise the Justices to take Examination of Witnesses upon Oath.

The Authority of a Justice of Peace is to be exercis'd only within the County where he is appointed by his Commission, nor must he intermeddle in any City there, which is a County of itself, nor in any other City or Town Corporate, tho' it be no County of itself, which have their proper Justices of the Peace within themselves by the King's Charter or Commission, especially if in such Charter there be any special Words of Prohibition, that the Justices of the Shire *non se intromittant*, &c. except such Country-Justice be also in Commission for such City or Town Corporate.

But in other Corporate Towns which have not their proper Justices of Peace, as also in all Liberties and Franchises (within the County) which
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have the Return of Writs, but have not their proper Justices, there the Justices of the Peace of the County ought to execute their Authority, and that by the Words of their Commission,

If a Parish extends into two Counties, or if part thereof lie within the Liberty of a City, and part without, the respective Justices shall intermeddle only within their own proper Districts; nor shall any Justice of Peace proceed in, or punish any Trespas, or such like Offence committed in another County against a Penal Statute, unless where such Statute enables him so to do; nor can any Justice of Peace, while he makes his Abode, or continues out of the County where he is in Commission, intermeddle to take any Recognizance, or any Examination, or otherwise to exercise his Authority in any Matter that shall happen within the County where he is in Commission; neither can he cause one to be brought before him out of the County where he is in Commission, into the other County; but in

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Case of a Robbery, the Person robb'd frequently makes Oath of the Robbery before a Justice of Peace of the County while he resides in *London*, and such Oath is held sufficient to satisfy the Statute, if the Justice have his Principal Residence in the County.

It is a Rule, that whatever one Justice of Peace alone may do in the Execution of his Office, the same may be done by Two or more Justices; but where the Law gives Authority to Two, there One alone is excluded: Nevertheless, where a Statute appoints a Thing to be done by Two Justices of Peace, or more, if the Offence be against the Peace, upon Complaint made thereof to any one Justice of Peace, he may grant his Warrant to arrest the Offender, and bring him before him, or any other Justice of Peace to find Sureties for his Appearance at the next General Sessions, to answer such Offence, or he may bind the Offender to his Good Behaviour, at his Discretion.

There seems to be a general Rule establish'd in *Stradling's Case*, *Plowden*

den 206. That when a Thing is appointed by a Statute to be done by or before one certain Person, such Thing cannot be done by or before another, but ought to be done as the Statute appoints, and by an express Designation of one, or Power given to one certain Person, all others are excluded. At the Request of another, a Justice of Peace may command the Surety of the Peace and may grant his Warrant for it but he ought first to take an Oath of the Party to this Purpose, (*viz.*) That he standeth in fear of his Life, or of some bodily Hurt to be done to himself, or of having his Houses burnt and that he doth not crave the Peace for any private Malice or Vexation but of very Fear, and for the needful Safety of his Person or Houses. And if any Man is threatned to be hurt, that is, to be beaten, wounded, maim'd or kill'd, he may have the Surety of the Peace against the Person so threatning; and so if he have any substantial Reason to fear any Hurt to his Person by another or that his House would be burnt.

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But where one is in fear that another will hurt his Servants, or Cat-
 surety of the Peace shall not be
 granted; nor shall it be granted in
 any Case, but where there is a Fear
 of some present or future Danger,
 and not meerly for a Battery or
 trespass, or a Breach of the Peace
 that is past; for these the Party
 wrong'd may have his Action, or pur-
 sue the Offender by Indictment.

And if the Justice of Peace ob-
 serve, that the Surety of the Peace is
 demanded merely of Malice or Vexa-
 tion, without any just Cause, he may
 safely deny it; but if a Man will
 take his Oath that he is in fear
 where he is in no fear, this Oath will
 discharge the Justice; and if the Ju-
 stice apprehends that the Party crav'd
 the Peace only out of Malice, or for
 vexation, he may bind him to his
 good Behaviour, if he sees fit.

A Nobleman cannot be compell'd
 to give Sureties for the Peace, by a
 Justice of Peace; but Surety of the
 Peace may be granted by a Justice
 against all other lay Persons, under
 the Degree of a Baron; and Ecclesia-
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stical Persons, if they are not attending Divine Service, may also be arrested for the Peace, and shall be bound with Sureties; and one Justice may grant this Surety against his Fellow-Justices, or may demand Surety of the Peace at the Hands of his Fellow-Justice against another Man.

A Wife may demand Surety against her Husband, if he threaten to kill her, or beat her outragiously, or if the Wife have any sufficient Cause to fear he will do so: And the Husband for the like Causes, may demand sufficient Sureties of the Peace against his Wife.

An Infant under Fourteen may demand Sureties of the Peace, and Sureties of the Peace may be demanded against him: But an Infant or a Female Covert cannot be bound by themselves, but by their Sureties only; and if they cannot find Sureties, they shall be committed to Prison till they do find them.

If the Warrant be made in the common Form, directing the Officer to cause the Party complain'd of to come before some Justice of Peace,

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find sufficient Surety, &c. And if
 shall refuse so to do, to convey him
 immediately to Prison without expect-
 ing any further Warrant, until he
 will willingly do the same, &c. The
 Officer who serves it before he makes
 any Arrest, ought first to require the
 Party to go with him, and find Sure-
 ties according to the Purport of the
 Warrant; but upon his Refusal to
 either, he may carry him to the
 Gaol by Force of the same Warrant,
 without more.

If the Warrant specially direct,
 that the Party should be brought be-
 fore the Justice who made it, the Of-
 ficer ought not to carry him before
 any other: But if the Warrant be
 general, to bring him before any Ju-
 stice of Peace, &c. the Officer has the
 Election to bring him before what
 Justice he pleases, and may carry
 him to Prison for refusing to find
 Surety before such Justice.

Every Warrant must be under the
 Hand and Seal of the Justice; and if
 it issues out for the Peace or Good
 Behaviour, it must contain the spe-
 cial Matter, as has been observ'd al-
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One or more Justices of the Peace cannot, upon a bare Surmise, grant a Warrant to break open a Man's House to search for a Felon or stolen Goods. 4 *Inst.* 176, 177. But for Breaches of the Peace, Doors may be broken open to apprehend an Offender.

After Examination of a Felon, and Information taken of those who bring him, the Justice must commit such Felon to Gaol, or bail him if he be bailable; but then there must be two Justices together, and one of them of the *Quorum* (if he is bail'd). And the Justice must bind by Recognizance the Informers, and all such as do declare any Thing material to prove the Felony, to appear and give Evidence against the Felon at the next general Gaol-Delivery to be holden within the County, City, or Town Corporate, where Trial of the said Felony shall be. 2 *P. & M. c.* 10.

If the Justice of Peace shall not certify such Examinations and Informations to the next Gaol-delivery, or if the Justices of Peace shall not certify their Bailment, or shall not bind over the Informers to appear

and to give Evidence against the Felons at the next general Gaol-delivery, and the aforesaid, the said Justices of the Peace shall be fin'd for every such default or Offence, at the Discretion of the Justices of Gaol-delivery.

But if it be for Petty Larceny, or other small Felonies, determinable at the Sessions, the Justices of Peace may bind over the Informers, and may certify the Examinations and Informations to the next Quarter-Sessions of the Peace.

The Power of a Justice of Peace may be determin'd: 1. By a Discharge under the Great Seal. 2. By *Superfedeas*. 3. By granting a new Commission, of which those who are left out must take Notice, after Publication thereof at the Sessions. 4. By an Accession to a new Office, as by being made Sheriff or Coroner: And lastly, by the Demise of the King or Queen; but by the first of *Ann. c. 8.* All Officers, civil and military, are authoriz'd to continue to act in their several Offices and Employments for six Months after such Demise, unless sooner discharg'd by the Successor.

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The OATH of a Justice of
Peace, concerning his Office.

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his Office.

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c. 7.

YOU shall swear, that in the Office of a Justice of Peace, in and for the County of Bedford, in all and every the Articles in his Majesty's Commission enjoined and to you directed, you will do equal Right to the Rich and Poor after your Cunning, Wit and Power, and after the Laws and Customs of the Realm, and Statutes thereof made. You shall not be of Counsel to any Person, in any Quarrel depending before you: You shall hold your Sessions according to the Directions of the Statutes in that Case made; and the Issues, Fines and Amercements that shall happen to be made, and all Forfeitures which shall fall before you, you shall cause to be entered without any Concealment (or Imbezilling) and truly send and account for them to the King's Exchequer.

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You shall not spare any one for Gift or other Cause, nor take any Thing for your Office of Justice of the Peace to be done, but the Fees and Allowances accustomed and fixed by Acts of Parliament. You shall not direct, nor cause to be directed, any Warrant by you to be made, to the Parties themselves, but to the Bailiffs and Constables, &c. of the said County, or other the King's Officers or indifferent Persons, to execute the same; and in all Things you shall well and truly do and execute the Office of a Justice of the Peace.

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Introduction.

AS an Introduction to the second Edition of these Precedents, it may be proper to observe, that the Qualifications of a Justice of Peace are much alter'd since the Publishing the last.

By the Statute of the 18th of *Hen. 6. cap. 11.* it was sufficient for a Justice of Peace to have an Estate in Lands of twenty Pounds *per Annum.* Nor do I remember any Law before or since, that requir'd he should have a better Estate; but by a late Statute made in the 5th Year of his present Majesty King *George II.* it is enacted, That no Person shall be capable of being a Justice of Peace,

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Peace, who shall not have an Estate of Freehold or Copyhold for his own Use, in Possession for Life, or for some greater Estate in Law or Equity; or an Estate for Life, or for a certain Term of Years, originally created for one and twenty Years, or more, to Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in *England* or *Wales*, of the clear yearly Value of One hundred Pounds, above all Incumbrances affecting the same.

That no Attorney, Solicitor or Broker in any Court, shall be capable of being a Justice of Peace during the Time he continues to practice. And that if any Person not qualified as this Act directs, shall accept of the Office of a Justice of Peace, or act as such, he shall forfeit One hundred Pounds for every Offence, one Moiety to the Crown, and the other to the Informer; to be recover'd by Action of Debt, &c.

But this Act does not extend to any City, Town Corporate, Cinque Port, or Liberty, having Justices of Peace in their respective Limits or Precincts: But in every such City,
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Town Corporate, &c. Such Persons may be Justices of Peace in such Manner as they might have been before the making of this Act.

Nor does this Act incapacitate any Peer, or the Son of a Peer, or any Person qualified to serve as Knight of a Shire; nor exclude the Officers of the Board of Green-cloth from being Justices within the Verge of his Majesty's Palaces, or exclude the Commissioners and Principal Officers of the Navy, or the two Under-Secretaries of State from being Justices of the Peace: Nor does it extend to the Heads of Colleges or Halls in the Universities; but they may be Justices in the Counties of *Oxford, Berks and Cambridge*, and the Cities and Towns within the same, as heretofore.

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Alehouses.

License to an Alehouse-Keeper.

WE, his Majesty's
Justices of Peace
for the said
County of Bed-
ford, whose Hands and Seals are
reunto set (*Quorum unus*) do allow
and license Robert Ames, of the
town in Northill in the said County,
to keep a Common Alehouse or Vic-
talling-house, and to utter and sell
bread and other Victuals, Beer, Ale, 5 & 6 Ed. 6.
other Exciseable Liquors, by Re- c. 25.
in the same House wherein he
now dwelleth, as aforesaid, and not
elsewhere, for the Space of one whole
Year

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Year next ensuing the Date hereof
 or until the next General Licensing
 of Victuallers for the said County,
 so as the true Assise in his Bread,
 Beer, Ale, and other Exciseable Li-
 quors be duly kept, and no unlawful
 Games, Drunkenness, or any other
 Disorder suffer'd in his House, Yard,
 Garden, or Backside; but that good
Order and Rule be maintain'd there
 in, according to the Laws of this
 Realm in that Behalf made and pro-
 vided; for the due Observance where-
 of the said Victualler hath now en-
 ter'd into Recognizance with Sure-
 ties, according to the Statute. Gi-
 ven under our Hands and Seals the
 Tenth Day of April, 1729. and in
 the Second Year of the Reign of our
 Sovereign Lord George the Second
 by the Grace of God of Great Bri-
 tain, France and Ireland, King, De-
 fender of the Faith, &c.

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Warrant for renewing Licenses.

Antab. ff. *To the Chief Constable of
the Hundred of Clifton.*

THESE are, in his Majesty's
Name, to require and authorize
you to summon all the licens'd Ale-
house-keepers, Victuallers, and o-
thers within your Hundred, as com-
monly sell Ale, Beer, &c. personally
to appear before us, at the Sign of
the Crown in Northill, in the said
County, on the tenth Day of this
Instant July, — at ten of the Clock
in the Forenoon of the same Day,
and to bring with them their former
Licenses and Certificates of their ci-
vil Demeanors and Fitness for that
purpose, and renew their Licenses;
the Certificate to be sign'd by two
substantial Inhabitants of the respec-
tive Parishes where they dwell; and
that you have the Names of the Per-
sons you shall have so warn'd, and
so the Names of the several Places
where their Houses are situated, and
by

by what Signs they are known; to the End that such of them may be continu'd, and such of them suppressed, as shall be thought fit. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Another Form of a License for keeping an Alehouse.

Bed. ff. **W**E, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, Justices of the Peace within the said County (*Quor. un.*) do hereby license and allow *Andrew Bull* of *Southwell* in the said County of *Bedford*, Victualler, to keep a Common Alehouse or Victualling-house in the House wherein he now dwelleth, known by the Sign of the *Crown*, for the Space of one Year from the Date hereof, until the next General Licensing of Victuallers for the said County, for the said *Andrew Bull* do not suffer any unlawful Games to be used within his said House, and so as he do not entertain any Tipplers, Rogues or Vagabonds, but in all Things

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Keep good Order and Government
therein, according to the several Acts
of Parliament in that Case made.
Given under our Hands and Seals,

Warrant against an Alchouse-
keeper without License.

Ed. II. *To the Constables of Biggles-
wade in the County afore-
said, and to the Church-
wardens there.*

WHereas Thomas Palmer of Big-
gleswade aforesaid, Victualler,
has this present Day lawfully Con-
victed before me of keeping a Com-
mon Alehouse in the said Parish of
Biggleswade, not being thereunto ³ Car. 1.
lawfully Licensed, according to the ^{c. 3.}
form of the Statute in that Case
made and provided; by Reason
whereof he hath forfeited to the
Poor of the said Parish the Sum of
twenty Shillings: These are there-
fore in his Majesty's Name to require
and authorise you, or one of you, to
levy *The first
Conviction,
either upon
View, Con-
fession or
Oath of 2
Witnesses.*

levy the said Forfeiture by distraining the Goods and Chattels of the said *Thomas Palmer*, and that you detain the same for the Use aforesaid. And in Default of Payment of the said Sum of twenty Shillings, within three Days after such Distress taken, that then you appraise and sell the same to satisfy the said Forfeiture. And if the said *Thomas Palmer* shall not have sufficient Goods upon which the said 20 s. may be levied as aforesaid, or shall not pay the same within six Days after the Date hereof, that then you the said Constables do openly Whip, or cause the said *Thomas Palmer* to be whipped in the said Parish of *Biggleswade* for the said Offence: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

*Where he
is taken, or
where Of-
fence done.*

Warrant

Warrant to suppress an Alehouse.

Ed. II. *To the Constables of the Parish of Clifton, in the said County of Bedford.*

Whereas we are credibly inform'd, upon the Complaint of several Persons, that *Thomas Papworth* of *Clifton* afore said, Victualler, doth suffer rude and disorderly Persons to frequent his House in the said Parish of *Clifton*, being at this Time 5 & 6 Ed. 6. Common Alehouse, wherein they usually commit many great Disorders, to the Disturbance of those who live near the said Place; we whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County (*Quon. unus*) do therefore think it convenient to discharge and put down the common selling of Ale, Beer, and other Liquors in the said House: These are *Two Justices* therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to *sign.* require and authorise you forthwith *Quon. unus* to go to the House of the said *Thomas*

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mas Papworth, in *Clifton* aforesaid and to charge him from henceforward not to sell or suffer to be sold any Beer, Ale, or other Liquors in the said House; and that you also cause the Sign of the said House to be pulled down: And hereof fail not. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to levy Money on Persons for Tippling in an Alehouse.

Bed. ff. To the Constables and Churchwardens of the Parish of Northill in the said County

Whereas it hath been duly prov'd before me, that *Thomas Papper* of *Northill* aforesaid, Labourer, *John Orsbourn* of the same Barber, and *John King* of the same Baker, did, on the twenty-second Day of this instant *August*, remain and continue Drinking and Tippling in a Common Alehouse in *Northill* aforesaid; by Reason whereof they have each of them forfeited three Shillings and Four-pence for the Use

* Inn or
Vintage-
house,
as the Case
is.

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the Poor of the said Parish:
 these are therefore to require you
 aforesaid Constables and Church-
 wardens, or some or one of you,
 with to levy, by Distress and
 sale of the respective Goods of the
 persons above-named, the Sum of
 three Shillings and Four-pence a-
 piece. If they shall neglect or refuse
 to pay the same upon Demand, and
 in Case of such Neglect or Refusal,
 and if no sufficient Distress can be
 found on which to levy the said re-
 spective Forfeitures, that then you,
 some of you, let the said Offen-
 ses in the Stocks, there to remain
 the Space of four Hours, and for
 your so doing this shall be your suf-
 ficient Warrant. Given under my
 hand and Seal, &c.

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21 Jac. 1.

c. 7.

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Warrant to levy the Penalty on
an Alehouse-keeper for suffering
one to sit tippling in his House

Bed. ff. *To the Constables and Church-
wardens of the Parish of
Warden in the said County*

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21 Jac. c. 7.

1 Car.

c. 4.

W Hereas it hath been duly pro-
ved before me this present
Day, that *Thomas Philips* of *Warden*
aforesaid, Victualler, did, upon the
twenty-seventh Day of *August* last
past, permit and suffer *John Smith*
and *Jos. King*, both of the said Pa-
rish of *Warden*, to remain and con-
tinue drinking and tippling in the
Alehouse of the said *Thomas Philips*
in the Parish aforesaid, contrary to
the Form of the Statutes in that Case
made and provided: These are there-
fore to require you the said Constables
and Church-wardens, or any of
you, to levy, by Distress of the
Goods and Chattels of the said *Thomas Philips*,
the Sum of 10 s. for the
said Offence, for the Use of the Poor

Alehouses.

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of the said Parish, and to detain the said Goods for the Space of six Days next after such Distress taken, if the said Forfeiture of 10 s. shall not be paid to you within that Time, and that afterwards you appraise and sell the said Goods to satisfy the said Forfeiture, rendring the Surplusage to the Owner: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

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stice.

One Wit-

ness.

Commencement of an Alehouse-keeper for want of a Distress.

Ed. II. To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol, in and for the said County.

Whereas upon the Tenth Day of this instant August, it was shewed and fully proved before me, that Thomas Peters of Potton aforesaid, Victualler, did, upon the Tenth Day of July last past, suffer James Smith and John King, both of Potton aforesaid, to remain and continue drinking and

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1 Car. 1.
c. 4.

*One Jus-
tice.*

*One Wit-
ness.*

tippling in the Alehouse of the said
Thomas Peters, in *Potton* aforesaid
contrary to the Form of the Statute
in that Case made and provided
And whereas on the said Tenth Day
of *August*, I did by my Warrant re-
quire the Constables and Church-
wardens of the said Parish of *Potton*
or some of them, to levy the Sum of
ten Shillings upon the Goods and
Chattels of the said *Thomas Peters*
being forfeited by him, to the Use of
the Poor of the said Parish, for the
said Offence: And whereas I have
been since credibly certified by *Hen-
ry Draper*, Constable of *Potton* aforesaid,
that the said *Thomas Peters*
bath not sufficient Goods and Chat-
tels upon which any Distress may be
taken to satisfy the said Forfeiture
These are therefore, in his Majesty's
Name, to require and authorise you
the said Constables, and either of you
to take the said *Thomas Peters*, and
to convey him safely to the Gaol a-
foresaid, together with this Warrant,
and you the said Keeper are hereby
required safely to keep and detain
the said *Thomas Peters* in your Cu-
stody

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stody until the said ten Shillings shall be duly paid for the Use and Purpose aforesaid. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on an Alehouse-keeper for selling Ale in short Measure.

Bed. ff. *To the Constable of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas Thomas Palmer of Potton aforesaid, Innkeeper, was on the Day of the Date hereof, duly convicted before me of selling Ale in his House in the said Parish of Potton, on the twenty-second Day of February last, to John Orsbourn of Sutton, in the said County of Bedford, Labourer, in a Vessel not made, sized and equalled according to the Standard for the Measure of Ale, remaining in the Custody of the Chamberlain of his Majesty's Exchequer, or in Proportion thereunto, nor signed, stamped or marked to

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contain an Ale-Quart, according to the said Standard: These are therefore to require you to levy by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said *Thomas Palmer*, the Sum of 10s. and that you pay one Moiety thereof to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Potton* in the said County of *Bedford*, where the said Offence was committed, for the Use of the Poor thereof, and the other Moiety to *Thomas Munns*, who prosecuted for the same. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture on an Alehouse-keeper for not paying the Excise.

Bed. ff: *To the Constables of the Parish of Luton in the said County of Bedford.*

Whereas Complaint hath been made before us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscribed and set, that *Abraham Brotherton* of your Parish, Alehouse-keeper, hath not paid

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paid or clear'd off his Duty of Ex-
 ise from the First of *July* last to
 the Twelfth of this instant *August*,
 unto the Persons appointed by the *W. & M.*
 Acts of Parliament in that Behalf *Sess. 1.*
 made; whereby he hath forfeited *c. 24.*
 double the Value of the said Duty
 unpaid: These are therefore in his
 Majesty's Name to require and au-
 thorise you to levy the Sum of thirty
 shillings upon the Goods and Chat-
 tels of the said *Abraham Brotherton*,
 being double the Value of the Duty
 not paid, and by him forfeited as
 foresaid, and to sell the said Goods *Two Ju-*
 nd Chattels in Case they shall not *stices.*
 be redeemed in fourteen Days; and
 that you pay the Monies so levied to
 such Person or Persons, as by the
 statute in that Case made is directed,
 sending unto the said *Abraham Bro-*
therton the Overplus: (if any be)
 And for Want of such Distress, that
 you do acquaint us therewith, that
 we may further proceed as the Law
 directs and appoints. Given under
 our Hands and Seals, &c.

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Apprentices.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for refusing to receive an Apprentice.

Bed. ff. *To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Southill, in the said County of Bedford, and either of them.*

WHereas *Ralph Jackson*, a poor Male Child, was by the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Clifton*, in the County aforesaid, by and with the Assent of *Robert Brown* and *William Newton*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County (*Quor. un.*) lately placed and bound by Indenture as an Apprentice to *Thomas Pierson* of *Southill* aforesaid, Weaver, to dwell with him from the Date of the said Indenture, until the said *Ralph Jackson* should attain

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attain his Age of Twenty-four Years,
pursuant to the Statute in that Case
made and provided. And whereas
John Orsborne, one of the Church-^{Two Ju-}
wardens of the said Parish of *Clifton*,^{stices.}
hath made Oath before us, that the
said *Thomas Pierſon* doth refuse to re- ^{Proof by a}
ceive the said *Ralph Jackson*, and ^{Church-}
provide for him as by Law he ought ^{warden or}
to do, and doth also refuse to Seal a ^{Overſeer,}
Counterpart of the said Indenture: ^{on Oath.}
These are therefore in his Majesty's
Name to require and authorise you
the said Church-wardens and Over-
seers of the Poor of the Parish of
Southill aforesaid, and either of you,
to levy the Sum of 10*l.* by Distress
and Sale of the Goods of the said
Thomas Pierſon, for the Use of the
Poor of your said Parish of * *Southill*: * ^{Where}
And hereof fail not. Given under ^{the Offence}
our Hands and Seals, &c. ^{was com-}
^{mitted.}

Warrant to bring a disorderly Apprentice and his Master before a Justice.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas Complaint hath been made before me by *Thomas Palmer* of *Potton* aforesaid, *Taylor*, that *John Orsbourn*, now an Apprentice to him, is a stubborn and disorderly Servant, and doth very much misbehave himself towards his said Master: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to command you to bring both the said Master and his Apprentice before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and that such Order and Direction may be taken therein, as to Justice shall appertain. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

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He may be sent to the House of Correction. One Justice.

Warrant

Warrant on the Complaint of an
Apprentice.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Southill
in the said County of Bed-
ford.*

WHereas Complaint hath been
made before me, by Robert
Johnson, Apprentice to Robert New-
ton, of the Parish of Southill in the
County of Bedford, Weaver, that the
said Robert Newton doth not allow
unto his said Apprentice, sufficient
Meat, Drink and Apparel, but hath
often immoderately corrected him
without any just Cause, &c. These
are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, ^{5 Eliz.}
to command you to bring forth the ^{c. 4.}
said Master and his Apprentice before ^{One Ju-}
me, or some other of his Majesty's ^{stice.}
Justices of the Peace for this Coun-
ty, to be examined concerning the
Premisses, and that such Order and
Direction may be taken therein as to
Justice shall appertain. Given under
my Hand and Seal, &c.

Or Mayor
or Head-
Officer of
Corpora-
tion.

This Warrant must be made by the Justice where the Master dwelleth; and if the Justice cannot reconcile them, he may bind the Master over to next Sessions, where four Justices (Quor. unus) may discharge the Apprentice under their Hands and Seals.

Discharge of an Apprentice.

Bed. ss. WE, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, four of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid (Quorum unus) having heard and examined the Matter in Difference between Robert Johnson an Apprentice, and Robert Newton of Southill in the County aforesaid, Weaver, his Master, and it appearing to us that the said Robert Newton hath not allowed his said Apprentice sufficient Meat, &c. and hath several Times beaten him very immoderately, without any just Occasion: We do therefore, for the Causes aforesaid, discharge the said Robert Johnson from his said Apprenticeship, and do hereby, under our respective

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*Two Ju-
stices,
Quor. un.*

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respective Hands and Seals, pronounce and declare, that the said Robert Johnson is discharged from being any longer an Apprentice to his said Master. Witness our Hands and Seals, &c.

This Discharge must be enrolled by the Clerk of the Peace, or Town-Clerk, which shall be good against the Master, his Executors and Administrators.

Artificers.

Warrant to apprehend an Artificer going to leave the Kingdom.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Dunstable in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas Complaint hath been ^{5 Geo. 1.} this Day made before me, that ^{c. 27.} Adam Baker, of your Parish, hath contracted, or is preparing to go out of his Majesty's Dominions, to exercise his Art or Trade of a Clock-maker, and teach it to Foreigners,

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Artificers. Badgers.*One Ju-
stice.*

contrary to the Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to command you to apprehend the said *Adam Baker*, and bring him before me or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer the said Complaint, and be proceeded against according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

*Offender to be bound over to the Af-
fizes or Quarter-Sessions.*

Badgers.

**A License for a Badger and Hig-
ler.**

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c. 12.*

Canab. B. **A**T the General Quarter-
Sessions of the Peace,
held at the Crown, in the Town of
Cambridge, for the County aforesaid,
this 12th Day of *February*, 1733. We
*John Smith, George Hill, Edward
Fisher, &c.* Justices of the Peace, for
the

the said County (*Quor. un.*) have Li-
cens'd, and by these presents do Li-
cense and appoint *Thomas Baker* of
Trompington, in the said County, to
be a Common Badger, Carrier, and
Buyer and Seller of Corn and Grain,
in any Market or Fair whatsoever;
and the same to Convert into Meal, and
to carry to, and vend in the City of
London, or any other Market or Fair,
for and during the space of one Year,
from the Date hereof, so as he do use
and follow the said Business, accord-
ing to the true Intent and Meaning
of the Statutes in that Case made
and provided against Forestallers, In-
grossers and Re-grators, and not other-
wise. In Witness, &c.

A Warrant to levy the Forfeiture
against a Badger for buying and
selling Corn without License.

Cantab. ff. To

W Hereas *Andrew Baker*, of Dit-
ton, in the County aforesaid,
bath this Day made Oath before us,
that

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Badgers.

that *Charles Deer*, of *Longstanton*, in the said County, hath bought Corn and Grain in the Market of in the County aforesaid, and the same hath sold again in the Market of within four Miles of the said Market of where he bought the same, without being legally licensed thereto by the Justices of Peace for the said County, in their Quarter-Sessions, as he ought to be, and contrary to the Acts of Parliament in that Case made against Regrators; whereby the said *Charles Deer* hath forfeited the Sum of five Pounds: These are therefore in his Majesty's Name to require and Authorize you to levy the Sum of five Pounds upon the Goods and Chattels of the said *Charles Deer*, by Distress and Sale thereof, rendring the Overplus (if any) to the said *Charles Deer*; and that you do pay the same as the Law directs. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Bastards.

Bastards.

Examination of one with Child of
a Bastard.

Bed. ss. **T**HE Examination of *Anne* 18 Eliz.
Bell, single Woman, taken before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, this Thirtieth Day, of *January*, Anno Dom. 1718.

This Examinant, upon her Oath, deposeth and saith that she is a hired Servant to *Edward Brown* of *Potton*, in the said County of *Bedford*, Cordwainer, at the Yearly Wages of three Pounds *per Ann.* and has continued in her said Service from the first Day of *January*, Anno Dom. 1715. to this Time: And further saith that in the *One* *July* Month of *July* last, as she, this Ex-*ssice.* aminant, was making one of her Master's Beds in a Back-room, one *George Hill*, Barber, living next Door to her said Master's House, came in to the said Back-room to her, no other Person being present, and promising

missing great Kindness to her, prevail'd with her, and then had the Carnal knowledge of her body, once on the said Bed, and has had the same three several Times since, and at one of the said Times, he the said *George Hill* got her with Child of the Bastard with which she is now pregnant, and near the Time of her Delivery: And this Examinant farther deposeeth that the said *George Hill*, and no other Person, is the true Father of the said Bastard with which she is now Pregnant, as aforesaid.

Fur' die 3^o Anno supradicti

Coram me,

T. B.

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Mittimus of the Mother of a Bastard to the House of Correction.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Pottton, in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County.*

W Hereas *Anne Bell* of Pottton 7 Jac. 1. c. 4. foresaid, single Woman, hath lately been delivered in the said Parish of a Female Bastard-Child, yet living and chargeable to the said Parish, and likely so to continue: These are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you, to apprehend the said *Anne Bell*, and her safely to convey to the House of Correction afore said, and to deliver her to the Keeper thereof, together with this Precept: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Anne Bell* into your Custody, and there to punish her, and to set her at Work

Work, for and during the Space of one whole Year next ensuing, according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided: And hereof fail not, at your respective Perils. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to apprehend the reputed Father of a Bastard-Child.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables and Head-borough of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas on the Examination of *Anne Bell*, single Woman, taken this Day before me on Oath, it appears that she is now with Child of a Bastard, which when born, is likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of *Potton*: And whereas on the Examination of the said *Anne Bell*, on Oath before me, she the said *Anne Bell* did charge *George Hill* of *Potton* aforesaid, Barber, to have begotten the same: These are therefore in his
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Majesty's Name, to require and au- 18 Eliz.
thorise you, and every of you, to ^{c. 3.}
apprehend the said George Hill, and ^{One Ju-}
bring him before me or some other ^{stice.}
of his Majesty's Justices of the ^{7 Jac. 1.}
Peace, to be examined concerning ^{c. 4.}
the Premisses, and to be farther dealt ^{3 Car. 1.}
with according to Law. Given un- ^{c. 4.}
der my Hand and Seal, &c.

Mittimus of the reputed Father
to the Gaol, for want of Sure-
ties.

Bed. ff. *To the Keeper of his Ma-
jesty's Gaol in and for the
said County of Bedford, or
to his Deputy there, and
to the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Potton in the said
County.*

WHereas James Langford of Pot- 18 Eliz.
ton aforesaid, Labourer, was ^{c. 3.}
brought before me this Day, and
charged by Anne Farmer of Potton a-
foresaid, single Woman, to have got-
ten her with Child, which Child,
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when born, will be a Bastard: And whereas the said *James Langford*, hath refused to find Security for his Appearance at the next General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, to be held for the County, to answer unto the said Charge: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you, to take the said *James Langford*, and convey him to the said Gaol: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *James Langford* into your Custody, and him safely to keep in your said Gaol, until he shall be thence delivered by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

One Ju-
stice.

7 Jac. 1.

c. 4.

3 Car. 1.

c. 4.

Warrant

Warrant to bring the reputed Father and Mother and Witnesses before Justices.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford.

Whereas Anne Farmer of Potton 18 Eliz. afore-
said, single Woman, hath c. 3.
lately been delivered of a Male Bastard-Child, yet living and likely to be chargeable to the said Parish of Potton: And whereas the said Anne Farmer hath charged James Langford of Potton afore-
said, to have begotten the said Child on her Body: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and Authorise you to bring the said James Langford before us on Wednesday the 25th Day of this Instant September, at Ten of the Clock 7 Jac. 1.
in the Morning of the same Day, at c. 4.
the House of John Greatrex in Potton 3 Car. 1.
afore-
said, Inkeeper, to be examined c. 4.
concerning the Premises, and that you give Notice to the said Anne Farmer
of

of the Time and Place aforesaid, that she may be there also present, and that you likewise give Notice to *Matthew Adams*, Carpenter, and *Samuel Williams*, Shoemaker, both of *Sutton* in the said County of *Bedford*, that they appear at the Time and Place aforesaid, to testify what they know concerning the Premisses, to the End that such Order may be made therein as to Justice doth appertain, and that you certify unto us what you have done in the Execution of this Precept, at the Time and Place aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Order of Two Justices for the Maintenance of a Bastard.

Bed. ss. **T**H E Order of *Henry Johnson* and *Robert Bigg*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of Peace for the said County, (*Quor. un.*) and both now residing within the Limits where the Parish-Church of *Potton* in County aforesaid standeth, the 25th Day of *September*, in the Year of of our Lord 1729. concerning a Male Bastard-

Bastard-Child, lately born in the said Parish of *Potton*, of the Body of *Anne Farmer* of *Potton* aforesaid, single Woman, which Bastard-Child, ever since its Birth, hath been and is still chargeable to the said Parish, and is likely so to continue. 18 Eliz. c. 3.

First, upon Examination of the Cause and Circumstances of the Pre-
misses, taken upon Oath before us, and due Consideration thereof, we do adjudge *James Langford* of *Potton* aforesaid, Labourer, to be the putative Father of the said Bastard-Child: And we do also order, that as well for the Relief of the said Parish of *Potton* in Part, as also for the Provision and Maintenance of the said Bastard-Child, that he the said *James Langford* shall weekly and every Week from the Time of the Birth of the said Child, and so long as the same shall or may be Chargeable to the said Parish of *Potton*, pay or cause to be paid to the Church-wardens or Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid, for the Time being, the Sum of 2 s. for and towards the Maintenance of the said Child. 7 Jac. 1. c. 4.
3, Car. 1. c. 4.

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And farther we do hereby order that the said *Anne Farmer* shall every Week, for so long Time as the said Child shall be chargeable as aforesaid, and she shall not keep the same, pay or cause to be paid to the Church-wardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Potton* for the Time being, Six-pence for and towards the farther Maintenance of the said Child. And lastly, we order that the said *James Langford* do, upon Sight of this our Order, forthwith give sufficient Security to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid, well and truly to perform so much thereof as doth concern the said *James Langford*, and which, on his Part, is hereby ordered to be done and performed. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Order

Order to seise the Goods and Rents
of one who left his Bastard on
the Parish.

Bed. II. *To the Church-wardens and
Overseers of the Poor of the
Parish of Warden in the
said County, and to every
of them.*

WHereas it appeareth unto us, ^{14 Car. 2.}
upon the Complaint of the ^{c. 12.}
Church-wardens and Overseers of ^{Two Ju-}
the Poor of the Parish of Warden a- ^{lices.}
foresaid, that *John Lord*, the repu-
ted Father of a Bastard-Child, lately
born in the said Parish, is departed
from his usual Place of Abode, and
hath left the said Child upon the
Charge of the aforesaid Parish, tho'
he hath a sufficient Estate to discharge
and indemnify the same: These are
therefore in his Majesty's Name to
require and authorise you to seise
and take so much of the Goods and
Chattels of the said *John Lord*, and
to receive so much of his Rents year-
ly.

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ly issuing out of his Lands, as will amount to the Sum of three Pounds, which we do hereby appoint you to receive, for and towards the Discharge of the said Parish, according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Condition to indemnify the Parish.

THE Condition of this Obligation is such, That whereas *Mary Brown* of *Potton* aforesaid, single Woman, hath of late been delivered of a Male Child, within the said Parish of *Potton*, of which Child the above bound *William Bell*, according to Law, stands charged to be the reputed Father; if therefore the said *William Bell*, *Charles Bull* and *Edward Finch*, or any of them, their or any of their Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, do from Time to Time, and at all Times hereafter, clearly and fully acquit, discharge and save Harmless, as well the above-named *George Hill*, *John King*, *Thomas Austin* and

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John Smith, the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid, and their Successors, for the Time being, as also all other the Inhabitants and Parishioners of the said Parish, which now or hereafter shall be (for the Time being) and every of them, of and from all and all Manner of Costs, Charges, Trouble and Incumbrances whatsoever, for or by reason of the Birth, Education, Maintenance, Nourishing and bringing up of the said Child, and of and from all other Actions, Suits, Charges, Troubles and Demands whatsoever, touching or concerning the same, That then this present Obligation to be void and of none Effect, or else to remain in full Force.

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Warrant

Warrant to apprehend one for having a Bastard born.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford.*

18 Eliz.

c. 3.

7 Jac. 1.

c. 4.

3 Car. 1.

c. 4.

WHereas Complaint hath been made before me by *Stephen Wellstead*, Church-warden of the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid, and *Henry Rugely* Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish, that *Mary Nichols*, single Woman, hath been delivered of a Male Bastard-Child in your said Parish, which is likely to become chargeable to the same: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you and either of you, to bring the said *Mary Nichols* before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal this 26th Day of *July* 1734.

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By a Statute made in the sixth Year 6 Geo. 2. of his present Majesty King *George II.* It is enacted; That no Justice of Peace shall send his Warrant for any Woman suspected to be with Child, till one Month after her Delivery, in order to be examined concerning her Pregnancy: Or compel her, before her Delivery, to answer any Questions relating thereto.

But if a single Woman shall voluntarily declare herself to be with Child of a Bastard, likely to be chargeable to any Parish, and on Oath Charge any Person with having gotten her with Child: He may, upon Complaint of the Overseers of the Poor, &c. issue his Warrant for apprehending the Person so charged, and committing him; unless he give Security to appear at the next General Quarter-Sessions, and to obey the Orders of the said Court.

And if such Woman die, or be married before her Delivery, or miscarry of such Child, or it appear she was not with Child, at the Time of such Examination; the Party accused, shall be discharged from his

Bawdy Houses.

Recognizance; or immediately released out of Custody, in Case of Commitment.

Bawdy Houses.

Warrant to apprehend a Person keeping a House of ill Fame.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford.

WHereas Complaint hath been made before me, that *John Driver* of your said Parish keeps a Publick House of ill Fame, and that lewd Women frequently resort thither, with Men of dissolute Lives, to the great Encouragement of Vice and Debauchery: These are therefore in his Majesty's Name to require and authorise you to bring the said *John Driver* before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer the Premises, and to be further dealt with

according to Law. Given under my
Hand and Seal, &c.

Brandy.

A License to sell Brandy.

Bed. ff. **W**E, his Majesty's Ju-
stices of the Peace for
the said County of *Bedford*, whose
Names are hereunto subscribed (*Quor.*
un.) do allow and license *John Brooks*
of *Biggleswade* in the said County,
Shopkeeper, to sell Brandy or other
distilled Liquors by Retail, to be
drank in the same House wherein the
said *John Brooks* now dwelleth, and
not elsewhere, for the space of one
whole Year next ensuing the Date
hereof, or until the next general Li-
censing of Sellers of Brandy or other
distil'd Liquors for the said County,
so as no unlawful Games, Drunken-
ness, or any other Disorder be suffe-
red in the House, Yard, Garden, or
Back-side of the said *John Brooks*,
but that good Order and Rule be
maintained therein, according to the

Brandy.

Laws of this Realm made and provided in that Behalf: For the due Observance whereof, the said *John Brooks* hath now entered into Recognizance with Sureties, according to the Statute. Given under our Hands and Seals this 3d Day of *September*, 1730. and in the fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Badges.

Bridges.

**Warrant to the High Constable,
 &c. to make a Tax for Repairs
 of a Bridge, pursuant to an Or-
 der made at the Sessions.**

Bed. ff. *To Andrew Barber, Constable
 of the Hundred of Clifton
 in, the said County aforesaid,
 and to Charles Driver and Edw. Fowler, In-
 habitants of the said Hun-
 dred, and every of them.*

WHereas at the General Quar-^{22 H. 8.}
 ter-Sessions of the Peace held ^{c 5.}
 for the County aforesaid, at *Bedford*,
 on the 3d Day of *June* last past, the
 Grand Jury presented the Bridge ^{Four Ju-}
 called *Girtford-Bridge*, in the Parish ^{stices,}
 of *Sandy* in the said County, to be in ^{Quor. un-}
 Decay and out of Repair, and the
 said Decays and Reparations were
 then and there ordered to be amend-
 ed and made good at the Charge of

Bridges.

the County: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constable and Inhabitants aforesaid, that you do immediately, upon Receipt of this Precept, make a Taxation on all and every the Inhabitants of the Hundred or Division of *Clifton* aforesaid, for the raising the Sum of seven Pounds, to be applied towards the Repairing of the Bridge aforesaid, and that you do bring the said Tax fairly written and subscribed by you, or some of you, unto us, at the *Crown* in *North-hill*, on *Friday* next, for our Approbation, that we may further proceed therein as to Justice doth belong. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to collect the Rate and
Taxation for a Bridge.

Bed. ff. To John Orsbourn and Tho-
mas Bradley, *Inhabitants*
of the Hundred of Clifton
in the said County of Bed-
ford.

WHereas at the General Quar-²² H. 8.
ter-Sessions of the Peace, held c. 5.
at Bedford on Monday the 5th Day of
May last past, the Bridge called Girt-
ford-Bridge, situate in Sandy, in the
County aforesaid, was presented by
the Grand Jury to be in Decay and
out of Repair, and the Decays and
Reparations of the said Bridge were
by the said Court ordered to be a-
mended and made good at the Charge
of the County: And whereas we
have lately issued out our Warrant to
the High Constable of Clifton, to
make a Taxation on all and every of
the Inhabitants in the said Hundred,
for raising the Sum of seven Pounds
towards the Repairing of the said
D 5 Bridge;

Bridge; and the said Constable hath this Day, pursuant to our said Warrant, brought to us an Assessment or Tax on the Inhabitants of the said Hundred; and we have, on Perusal thereof, allowed the same: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you forthwith to collect the several Sums of Money mentioned in the said Taxation, which is hereto annex'd, on the several Persons therein specified: And that you do pay the same unto *James Fisher*, Gent. whom we have appointed General Receiver of the said Monies, to be raised for the Purpose aforesaid, first deducting thereout the Sum of ten Shillings, by us allowed unto you for your Care and Pains in collecting and paying the same; and in Case of Refusal or Neglect of Payment, by any of the Persons of the particular Sums on them respectively taxed, that then you do certify unto us the Name or Names of the Person or Persons so refusing, with all convenient Speed. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to levy the Taxation by
Distress, where it is refused Pay-
ment.

Bed. ff. *To the Constable of the Parish
of Biggleswade in the said
County.*

WHereas Complaint hath been 22 H. 8.
made before us by *John Osborn* 5.
bourne and *Thomas Bradley* of *Biggles-
wade* aforesaid, who were duly ap-
pointed to collect the Monies im-
posed upon the Hundred of *Clifton*, for
and towards repairing of the Bridge
called *Girtford-Bridge* in the County
aforesaid, that *Charles Driver* and
Edward Fowler, both of *Biggleswade*
aforesaid, within the said Hundred
of *Clifton*, have refused to pay the
respective Sums of two Shillings,
which they were severally taxed for
the Purpose aforesaid, though the
same was legally demanded: These
are therefore, in his Majesty's Name,
to require you to give Notice to the
said *Charles Driver* and *Edward Fowler*,
to:

Bridges. Butter.

to come before us to answer the Premises; and if they refuse so to do, that then you do levy the several Sums aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of the several Goods of the said *Charles Driver* and *Edward Fowler*. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Butter.

A Warrant to levy the Forfeiture for mixing bad Butter with good.

Cantab. ff. To the Constables of the Parish of *St. Clement* in the Town of *Cambridge*, and either of them.

13 & 14
Car. 2.
c. 26.
4 & 5 W.
& M.

Whereas *Adam Bell* of the Town of *Cambridge*, in the County aforesaid, Cheesemonger, hath been duly convicted before me, upon Oath, by *John Day* of *Cambridge* aforesaid, That he the said *Adam Bell* did mix in a Firkin bad Butter with good, after the same was sold to *William Smith* of *Lynton*, in the County aforesaid,

said, and after the Mark of the said *William Smith* was set on the said Firkin; whereby he hath forfeited twenty Shillings, to be equally divided between the Poor of the Parish of *St. Clement*, in the Town of *Cambridge* aforesaid, where the said Offence was committed, and the Informer, according to the Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the said Sum of twenty Shillings forfeited as aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said *Adam Bell*, restoring to him the Overplus, after the Charges for taking the said Distress, shall be deducted. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Buttons.

Buttons.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for
wearing Cloth-Buttons on Clothes.

*Bed. ff. To the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Sandy in the said
County of Bedford.*

7 Geo. 1.
c. 12.

W Hereas Information hath this
Day been made on Oath be-
fore me, one of his Majesty's Justices
of the Peace for this County, by
Charles Dawson of *Biggleswade* in the
said County of *Bedford*, that *Edward
Fisher* of your said Parish of *Sandy*,
Gentleman, hath lately worn and
continues to wear one Cloth Suit of
Clothes, with Buttons made of Cloth,
contrary to a Statute in that Case
made: These are therefore in his
Majesty's Name, to require and au-
thorise you to levy, by Distress and
Sale of the Goods of the said *Edward
Fisher*, the Sum of eight Pounds, the
Penalty he hath forfeited for the said
Offence, pursuant to the said Statute,
being

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being after the Rate of forty Shillings per Dozen for the Buttons of the Clothes so worn; one Moiety whereof you are to pay to the said *Charles Dawson* the Informer, on whose Oath the said *Edward Fisher* was convicted of the said Offence; and the other Moiety apply to the Use of the Poor of the said Parish of *Sandy* aforesaid. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

A Warrant to levy a Forfeiture for setting on Cloth-Buttons, &c.

Bed. II. To the Constables of the Parish of *Sandy*, and to either of them.

WHereas *Andrew Butler* of *Sandy*, 4 Geo. 1. in the County aforesaid, hath ^{c. 17.} this Day made Oath before me, That *Charles Dawkes* of your Parish, Taylor, hath lately made, or caus'd to be made, one Cloth Coat, for *Richard Smith*, with Buttons (or Button-holes) of Cloth, Serge, Stuff, &c. contrary to an Act of Parliament made in the 4th Year of Geo. 1. where-

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whereby he hath forfeited forty Shillings *per* Dozen for the said Offence: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to demand and receive of the said *Charles Dawkes*, six Pounds being the Sum his Forfeiture amounts to for three Dozen of Buttons, &c. and if the same be not paid in fourteen Days, that then you levy it by Distress and Sale of his Goods; one Moiety you are to pay to the Informer, *Andrew Butler*, and the other you are to apply to the Use of the Parish of *Sandy* aforesaid; and if the said *Charles Dawkes* hath not Goods sufficient to distrain, then you are to convey him to your County-Gaol, there to remain, and be kept at hard-Labour for the Space of three Months. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Carriages.

Carriages.

**Warrant to impress Carriages for
his Majesty's Service.**

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggles-
wade in the said County of
Bedford, and either of them.*

THese are, in his Majesty's Name, ^{1 Geo. 1.}
to require and authorise you, ^{c. 3.}
on the Sight hereof, to impress one ^{2 Geo. 2.}
Waggon, with six able Horses, and ^{3 Geo. 2.}
two able Men to drive the same, with
Cart-Ladders, Ropes, and all other
necessary Accoutrements, and to be
at the *Sun Inn* in *Biggleswade* afore-
said, on *Monday* next by Six of the
Clock precisely, there to receive the
heavy Baggage of Colonel *Biggs*, to
be thence conveyed to the Town of
Stevenage in the County of *Hertford*;
and hereof fail not at your Perils.
Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to provide Carriages for
the Service of the Navy.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Hun-
dred of Wixamtree in the
County of Bedford.*

13 & 14
Car. 2.
c. 12.

WHereas we have receiv'd No-
tice in Writing from the Lord
High Admiral [Lord Commissioners
of the Admiralty, or two or more of
the principal Officers of his Majesty's
Navy, or Master, or Lieutenants of
his Majesty's Ordnance] for providing
Carriages for the Service of his Ma-
jesty's Ordnance: These are there-
fore, in his Majesty's Name, to re-
quire and authorise you and every of
you, that you, some or one of you,
do cause to be sent out of the Pa-
rishes of Cople and Corringtoe, within
your Hundred, unto *Biggleswade* in
the County aforesaid, three sufficient
Carriages, on *Monday* next ensuing,
furnished with a sufficient Number of
good and able Horses or Oxen, for
the Service aforesaid, according to
the

Carriages.

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the Acts of Parliament in that Case made: Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant for Delivery of Horses seised to the Seisor, for travelling with Waggon contrary to Law.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade in the County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Adam Baker of Big-* 5 Geo. 1.
gleswade aforesaid, hath made *c. 12.*
 Oath before me, that *Charles Dawson,*
 Waggoner, on *Monday* last past, in
 the Highway leading from *Biggles-*
wade aforesaid, to *Baldock* in the
 County of *Hertford*, travell'd with a
 Waggon drawn with five Horses * the * Or tra-
 Wheels whereof were bound with *well'd with*
 Tire not of the Breadth of two In- *a Waggon*
 ches and an Half, as a late Act of *drawn by*
 Parliament directs; whereby he hath *eight Hor-*
 forfeited all the Horses above the *ses, where-*
 Number of Three; and the same *by he hath*
 have been seised and delivered over *forfeited all*
 to the aforesaid Constable of *the Horses*
Big- *above six.*
gleswade:

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gleswade: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the aforesaid Constables, to redeliver the Horses above-mentioned to be forfeited, being two in Number, and all the Geers, &c. to the said *Adam Baker*, the Seisor, for his sole Use, he paying the reasonable Charges for keeping, &c. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Carriers and Carriages.

A Warrant to levy the Forfeiture of a Carrier taking more for Carriage of Goods than the Rates assess'd by Justices.

Bed. II. *To the Constables of the Parish of Biggleswade, and to either of them.*

Whereas it hath been duly proved before us, *William Berrowes* and *Edward Smith*, Esqrs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, That *Charles Deer* of *Biggleswade* in the said

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said County, Carrier, lately insisted, and oblig'd *Laurence Sanders* of *Biggleswade* afore said, to pay the Sum of 20 s. for Carriage of two large Chests from thence to *London*, weighing Six hundred Weight, being after the Rate of three Shillings and four Pence per Hundred, which is ten Pence per ³ & 4 W. Hundred more than the Price limited & M. and assessed by the Justices of Peace in their last *Easter-Sessions*, for Carriage of Goods: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the Sum of five Pounds on the Goods and Chattels of the said *Charles Deer*, by Distress and Sale thereof, which he hath forfeited by the Offence afore said; and that you do pay the same, when levy'd, to the said *Laurence Sanders*, who is the Party griev'd. Given under our Hands and Seals,

Et c.

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Carriers and Carriages.

An Information against a Person drawing a Waggon with more than six Horses.

Bed. H. The Information of Adam Bull of Sandy in the County aforesaid, taken before William Brown, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, this 12th Day of March, 1753.

6 Ann.

THIS Informer saith on his Oath, That on the 23d of Febr. last past, he the said Adam Bull, as he was going from Sandy aforesaid to Stevenage in the County of Hertford, saw a Waggon belonging to Charles Davis of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, Carrier, travel thro' the Town of Baldock in the said County of Hertford, drawn by seven Horses at length, which said Waggon was loaden with Goods from Biggleswade aforesaid, and was going for London.

*Sworn before me, the Day and
Year above-written.*

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A Warrant to levy the Forfeiture
for carrying more Coals than
allow'd by Law.

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W Hereas Information hath been 6 Geo. 1.
made on Oath before me,
Andrew Bell, Esq; one of his Maje-
sty's Justices of the Peace for the
County of *Middlesex*, by *Edward*
Fisber, of That
Charles Driver, Carman, on the 21st
of *Feb.* last, in the City of *London*,
particularly in Street of the
said City, travell'd with a Cart, the
Wheels whereof were bound with
Iron, having therein for Loading one
Chalder and a Quarter of Coals, &c.
contrary to the Statute made in the
sixth Year of King *Geo. I.* These are
therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to
require and authorise you to deliver
to the said *Edw. Fisber*, the Informer,
for his sole Use, one of the Horses
belonging to the said Cart, with the
Geers belonging to him, forfeited
for

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for the Offence aforesaid, according to the Direction of the Statute. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Churches.

Warrant to apprehend a Person for making a Disturbance in the Church, and abusing the Minister.

Bed. ss. *To the Constables of the Parish of Biggleswade in the County of Bedford.*

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M. Sess. 1.
c. 18.
One Ju-
stice.
Two Wit-
nesses.

WHereas *Adam Bell* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, and *Charles Dawson* of the same, have made Oath before me, that *Edward Fisher* of your Parish, on Sunday the 3d Day of this instant *July*, went into the Parish-Church of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, and there, in Time of Divine Service, made a great Noise and Disturbance, calling *George Hill* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Rascal, and other unbecoming Names, and bidding him get him gone out of the said Church,

Church, as having no Business there, to the Interruption of Divine Service, and that the said *Edward Fisher* was Guilty also of indecent and irreverent Language to Mr. *James Lawrence*, Rector of the said Church, who was then and there discharging his Duty, and other Misdemeanors, tending to the Breach of the Peace, and the Contempt of Religion: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Edward Fisher*, if he be in your Parish, and to bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer what is objected against him as aforesaid; and that you do require the said *Edward Fisher* to bring with him two sufficient Sureties to enter into a Recognizance for his Appearance at the next General Quarter-Sessions, to be prosecuted according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

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Clothiers.

Clothiers.

A Warrant to send a Weaver to the House of Correction, for returning his Work to the Clothier unfinished.

Wiltshire, ss, To the Constables of Marlshfield in the said County, and either of them.

12 Geo. 1.

WHEREAS David Cook of Marlborough, in the County aforesaid, Clothier, hath this Day made Oath before us, Charles Deer and Edward Fisher, Esqrs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, That George Hill of Marlshfield in the said County, Weaver, having twenty Pounds of Wool, &c. given unto him by the said David Cook, for the making of Cloth, on the 28th of December last, and agreed with the said David Cook to work and make the same into Cloth, by the Third of Feb. did, on the

the 20th Day of *January*, before the said Day, return the said Wool and Work unmade into Cloth, to the said *David Cook*, to his great Damage and Disappointment, and contrary to a Statute lately made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *George Hill*, and convey him to the House of Correction, at _____ and deliver him to the Keeper thereof; hereby requiring you the said Keeper, safely to keep the said *George Hill* in your Custody, for the Space of three Months, according to the Direction of the Statute. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

A Warrant to punish an Imbezil-
ler and Detainer of Wool, by
Whipping.

Wiltshire, ss. *To the Constables of the
Parish of Marshfield in
the said County, and
either of them.*

7 Jac. 1.
c. 7.

*Two Ju-
stices.*

WHereas *Andrew Butler*, Ap-
prentice to *Charles Deer* of
Marlborough, in the said County,
Clothier, hath this Day made Oath
before us, That *Edward Fuller* of
Marshfield aforesaid, Weaver, hath
unlawfully imbezill'd, detain'd or
wasted the Yarn of the said *Charles
Deer*, his Master, by him the said
Andrew Butler deliver'd to the said
Edward Fuller, by Order of his said
Master, the said *Edward Fuller* ha-
ving receiv'd Yarn sufficient to make
ten Yards of Cloth, according to the
usual Quantities of Yarn employ'd
in the making of Cloth, and instead
of making ten Yards, hath made on-
ly Five, and refuses to deliver or
account

account for the Rest of the said Yarn, contrary to an Act of Parliament in that Behalf made; and whereas the said *Edward Fuller* having been examin'd before us, but not being able to clear himself of the said Charge: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to put the said *Edward Fuller* into the common Stocks of your Parish, for the Space of *24* Hours; and then that you do bind him to the common whipping Post, and whip his naked Back until it shall be bloody. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

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Constables.

Warrant to the High Constables
to warn the Petty Constables
to bring in their Presentments,
and warn Alehouse-keepers to
take out Licenses.

Bed. ff. *To the Chief Constables of the
Hundred of Clifton in the
County of Bedford, and to
either of them.*

THese are, in his Majesty's Name,
to require and authorise you, on
Sight hereof, to issue out your Pre-
cepts, under your respective Hands,
to all and every the Petty Constables
within your Hundred, that they be
and appear before us and other of his
Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this
County, on *Tuesday* the Seventh Day
of *October* next, by Eleven of the
Clock in the Morning, at the *Crown*
in *Northill*, at a Petty Sessions, then
and there to be held, and that they
give Notice to all and every such Inn-
keepers,

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keepers, who have no Licenses; that they personally appear, with sufficient Sureties, and take out Licenses; otherwise they will be severally prosecuted as the Law directs; and that the said Petty Constables do then and there bring in their Bills of Presentments, under their respective Hands, against all Offenders against the known Laws of this Realm. Given under our Hands and Seals this 30th Day of September, 1729.

Warrant to the High Constables to summon the Petty Constables to give Notice to Shopkeepers and others that sold Brandy after the 24th of June, 1729. to appear at the Petty Sessions.

Bed. ss. *To the Chief Constables of the Hundred of Clifton in the said County of Bedford, and to either of them.*

THese are, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, on Sight hereof, to issue out your

2 Geo. 2. Precepts under your respective Hands,
 cap. to all and every the Petty Constables,
 thereby commanding them to give
 Notice to all Shopkeepers and others,
 within their severall and respective
 Towns and Parishes in your Hundred,
 who have since the four and twentieth
 Day of *June*, sold or shall sell any
 Brandy or other distill'd Liquors, by
 Retail, to be drank in his, her, or their
 House or Houses, that they be and
 appear before us and other of his Ma-
 jesty's Justices of the Peace for this
 County, at a Petty Sessions, to be
 held at the *Crown in Northill*, on *Mon-*
day the 14th Day of this instant *Ju-*
ly, by Eleven of the Clock in the
 Morning, then and there to take out
 Licenses for that Purpose, according
 to the Statute in that Case lately
 made, in the same Manner as com-
 mon Alehouse-keepers, subject to such
 Rules, Penalties and Forfeitures, are
 for selling Drink without Licence. And
 that no Person hereafter can, by Law,
 have any Licence to keep a common
 Inn or Alehouse, or to Retail any
 Brandy or Strong Waters, but at a
 General Meeting of the Justices of the
 Peace,

Constables.

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Peace, acting in the Division where the said Person dwells, and that all and every the Petty Constables, do then and there personally appear with their several Presentments, as usual, and give Notice to the Justices of the Time and Place of Meeting: And you are personally to appear and make a due Return of this Precept: Given under our Hands and Seals this third Day of July, 1729.

High Constable's Precept.

*Bed. sh. To the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Warden in the
County of Bedford, and
either of them.*

BY Virtue of a Warrant to me di-
rected by Sir William Smyth, Knt.
and Owen Thomas Broomfall, Esq; Ju-
stices of the Peace for the said Coun-
ty of Bedford; you are required and
authorised to warn all and every the
Alehouse-keepers and Victuallers, in
your said Parish; personally to ap-
pear with their old Licenses, before

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the

Constables.

the said Sir William Smyth, Owen Thomas Braemfall, and others his Majesty's Justices of Peace for this County, at a Petty Sessions, to be held at the Crown in Northill, on Tuesday the 30th of this instant April, by Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon precisely, to be then and there renew'd; and you are also required to produce a List of all the Christian and Surnames of all the Alehouse-keepers and Victuallers in your said Parish, and the Names of their several Signs, fairly written by every Constable respectively, and subscribed: And you are also to warn the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of your said Parish, then and there to appear with their several Books, and pass their Accounts, and to bring in a List of a competent Number of Persons, duly Qualified by Law, to be approved and appointed by the said Justices Overseers of the Poor for the Year ensuing; and also a Copy of the Parish Register of all Persons not buried in Woollen, according to the several Statutes in that Case made and provided.

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vided. And you are also required to make a due Presentment, in Writing under your Hands, of all Offences against the known Laws of this Realm, and to bring me your Gaol and Hospital Tax: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand, &c.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on a Constable for taking Money to excuse the Quartering of Soldiers.

Bed. ff. *To the High Constables of the Hundred of Wixamtree in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas James Smyth, Constable of the Parish of Southill in the said County of Bedford, hath been convicted before me, of receiving from Edward Fish, Victualler, the Sum of 10 s. to excuse him the said Edward Fish from Quartering of two Soldiers belonging to Captain Earleton's Company, in the Regiment of Sir Thomas Davis, contrary to the Statutes in that Case made: These

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said High Constables, and either of you, to levy by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said *James Smyth*, the Sum of five Pounds, which he hath forfeited for the said Offence, and to pay the same to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Southill*, for the Use of the Poor there: And for your so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to make a Privy Search.

Bed. H. To the Constables of the Parish of Biggleswade in the County of Bedford.

7 Jac. 1.
c. 4.

These are, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to call to your Assistance some sufficient Men of your Neighbourhood, and that one Night before the 10th Day of this instant *May*, you make a Privy Search in all suspicious Places within

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within your Precinct, to find out and apprehend Rogues, Vagabonds, and other suspicious Persons there; and that you cause such as you shall so find, to be brought before us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, at the House of *James Orsbourn of Northill*, in the said County, on *Thursday the Tenth of May* aforesaid, to be examined and punished; as we shall see Cause; and that you appear there likewise to give an Account touching the Premises. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

A Warrant from Justices to constitute another Constable, on the Death of a former, or his Removal out of the Hundred.

Bed. ff. *To John Soames of Clifton
in the said County, Teoman.*

WHereas we are credibly inform'd, That *Adam Burges*, of *Biggleswade* in the County aforesaid,

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said, who at the last Quarter-Sessions of the Peace held for this County, was elected and sworn High Constable of the Hundred of *Biggleswade* for the County aforesaid, is lately dead, (or remov'd with his Family out of the said Hundred, before the Time he ought to serve is expired) whereby the said Hundred is at present destitute of a Constable to execute Warrants, and to keep the Peace: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require you (whom we think fit to serve in the said Office) personally to appear before us, or some of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, to take the Oath of a Constable, and to serve his Majesty in that Office until the usual Time of electing new Officers. Given under our Hands, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture
for destroying of Conies in a
Warren.

Bed. II. *To the Constables of Potton
in the County of Bedford,
and to the Keeper of the
House of Correction in and
for the said County.*

W Hereas *Adam Bull of Potton* 22 & 23
Car. 2.
c. 25.
aforesaid, Blacksmith, hath
this Day made Oath before me, that
Charles Dawson of your Parish, La-
bourer, did on the 13th of this in-
stant *July*, about the Hours of Ten
and Eleven at Night, enter the Bor-
ders of a Warren [or into a certain
Ground] belonging to *Edward Fowler*
of *Sandy* in the said County, Gen-
situate in *Southill* in the said County,
called by the Name of *Betts Warren*,
and by him stocked with Conies, and
then and there, with Nets and a lit-
tle Dog, kill and destroy one Couple
of Conies, contrary to the Statute in
that Case made; whereby he hath
forfeited

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*Confession,
or one Wit-
ness.
Prosecution
in a Month.*

forfeited a Sum of Money not exceeding 10 s. at the Discretion of the Justice of the Peace before whom convicted: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said *Charles Dawson*, the Sum of seven Shillings and Sixpence, which I do adjudge he hath forfeited for the Offence aforesaid; and if he hath no Goods or Chattels, whereof a sufficient Distress may be taken, or shall refuse to pay the said seven Shillings and Sixpence, then I do hereby require you to convey him to the House of Correction, in and for your said County: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive him and keep him at hard Labour, for the Space of one Month. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Cottages.

Cottages.

Petition to Justices of Peace in the
Quarter-Sessions, for erecting of
a Cottage.

*To the worshipful the Justices of
the Peace, at the General Quar-
ter-Sessions of the Peace to be
holden in and for the County of
Bedford, on Mondy the Fifth
of September next.*

The Humble Petition of *Adam Bull*
of *Biggleswade* in the County a-
foresaid, Labourer.

Sheweth,

THAT whereas your Petitioner, ^{37 Eliz.}
being with his Wife and Children ^{c. 7.}
settled as an Inhabitant of and in the ^{43 Eliz.}
said Parish of *Biggleswade*, and at pre- ^{c. 2.}
sent destitute of an Habitation, hath
by Address made to *William Brown*,
Esq; Lord of the Manor of *Biggles-*
wade aforesaid, obtained his Consent,
under his Hand and Seal, for your
Pe-

Cottages.

Petitioner to erect and set up a Cottage on the Waste, within the Parish of *Biggleswade*, aforesaid, for an Habitation for himself and his Family, if an Order of Sessions could be obtained for Confirmation thereof, as by the Paper hereto annexed doth appear.

MAY you therefore be pleased to grant unto your poor Petitioner the Order of this Court, whereby your said Petitioner may be enabled to set up a Cottage for an Habitation for himself and his Family, on some convenient Place on the Waste within the Manor of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, to be assigned by the said *William Brown* or his Steward. And your Petitioner shall ever pray, &c.

The Lord's Consent to the Erecting of a Cottage.

37 Eliz.
c. 7.
43 Eliz.
c. 2.

UPON the Petition of *Adam Bull*, and the Certificate of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Biggleswade* in the County of *Bedford*, I do hereby

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by give my Consent, being Lord of the Manor of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, that the said *Adam Bull* shall and may erect and set up a Cottage for his Habitation, in some convenient Place on the Waste within the Parish aforesaid, to be assigned by my Steward; provided that Order of Sessions be procured, according to Law, for Confirmation thereof. Witness my Hand and Seal, &c.

Custom-Duties.

Special Warrant to an Officer to make Search after and seize Coffee not entered.

Bed. H. To the Officer of the Inland Duties on Coffee, Tea and Chocolate, at the Town of Bedford in the County of Bedford.

W Hereas *Adam Bull*, Officer of ^{10 Geo. 1.} the Inland Duties on Coffee, ^{c. 10.} Tea and Chocolate, at the Town of ^{One Ju-} Bedford aforesaid, hath made Com-^{sics.} plaint

plaint before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, that he the said *Adam Bull* hath just Cause to suspect *Edmund Fuller* of *St. Paul's* Parish in the Town of *Bedford*, Druggist, hath of late fraudulently concealed Coffee and Tea in his Dwelling House, in the said Parish, without making any Entry thereof, as the Statute directs; for that he the said *Edmund Fuller* hath been often seen to convey into his House, certain large Quantities of Goods, late at Night, after his Shop and others have been shut up, particularly on *Monday Night* last, of which Oath hath been made before us, and other Causes of Suspicion: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name to empower and authorise you the said *Adam Bull*, in the Day-time, and likewise in the Night, having with you a Constable, to enter into and search the House, Shop, Out-houses and Warehouses of the said *Edmund Fuller*, for Coffee, Tea and Chocolate concealed. And if you find any Coffee or Tea, &c. there concealed, and not duly entered, that
you

you do seise and carry away the same as forfeited by the Statute aforesaid. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Summons for one to appear and give Evidence in order to condemn uncustom'd Goods.

Bed. ff. *To George Hill of Biggleswade in the County of Bedford, Weaver.*

IT having been represented unto us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, by *Abraham Bell*, Officer of the Customs, &c. that several Quantities of Brandy and other Liquors, by him seised on *Saturday* last, belonging to or in the Custody of *Christopher Dod* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Distiller, are uncustom'd Goods, for which the Custom-Duties have not been paid, and that the said Goods were clandestinely Run: And being informed by the said *Abraham Bell*, that you the said *George Hill*, can make Proof of the Premisses: These are therefore, in his
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Custom-Duties.

8 Geo. 1.
c. 18.
12 Geo. 1.
c. 26.

Majesty's Name to require you to appear before us on the 13th Day of this Instant *July*, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to testify your Knowledge concerning the Nonpayment of the said Duties, and Running of the aforesaid Liquors, in order to our Determining the Seifure thereof, and Condemning the same, as the Law directs. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to apprehend a Person for assisting in Running of Goods.

Midd. II. To the Constables of Stepney, in the County of Middlesex.

13 & 14
Car. 2.
c. 11.

Whereas Complaint hath been made before me, by *Abraham Butcher* of *Stepney* aforesaid, Officer of the Customs, that *Charles Driver* of your Parish, Carman, (or Porter) hath lately assisted *Edward Fuller* of *Stepney* aforesaid, Grocer, in the landing and carrying away several foreign Goods

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Goods from *Bear-key*, for which a certain Duty is payable to his Majesty, before the said Duty paid, or being impower'd by Warrant for such his Transactions, or giving Notice to any Officer to be present at his doing the same, as the Law directs: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Charles Driver*, and to bring him before me or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer the Premises, and to be dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Commitment of a Person for assisting in Running of Goods.

Midd. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Stepney in the County of Middlesex, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.*

W Hereas *Abraham Butcher* of ^{13 & 14} *Stepney* aforesaid, Gent. hath Car. 2. lately

lately made Complaint before me, that *Charles Driver* of *Stepney* aforesaid, *Carman*, hath assisted *Edward Fuller* of the same Place, *Grocer*, in the landing and carrying several Goods from the Ship called the *Eagle*, to the said *Edward Fuller's* House in *Stepney* aforesaid, for which a Duty is payable to his Majesty, without paying the same, contrary to Law; and the said *Charles Driver*, having appeared before me to answer the Premisses, and not being able to clear himself from the Charge and Offence aforesaid: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constable, to convey the said *Charles Driver* to the said Gaol, and to deliver him to the Keeper thereof: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to take the said *Charles Driver* into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall find Securities for his Good Behaviour, or shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to search for Goods (for which Custom ought to be paid) which are privately convey'd away and conceal'd.

Midd. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Stepney in the County of Middlesex.*

WHereas *Andrew Bull* of Hack-^{13 & 14}
ney in the said County, Gent. ^{Car. 2.}
hath this Day made Oath before me, ^{c. 11.}
that on *Monday* last past, about the
Hour of Ten at Night, *Christopher*
Deer of *Stepney* aforesaid, Grocer,
landed at *Bear-Key*, from the Ship
called the *Eagle*, lately arrived from
Nantz in *France*, two Casks of Li-
quor, about the Size of Quarter-Bar-
rels, and conveyed them to his House,
situate in *Stepney* aforesaid; and the
said *Andrew Bull*, having searched the
Custom-house Books, and finding no
Entry made of the said Barrels of
Liquor, or any Agreement made with
the Collectors for the Customs there-
of; and the said *Christopher Deer* be-
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ing no ways concerned by Profession, or otherwise, in Foreign Liquors; and the said *Andrew Bull*, having produced a Witness to prove that he drank Brandy and Red Wine on *Wednesday* last, at the House of the said *Christopher Deer*, who hath proved the same accordingly; all which being considered, there is good Reason to suspect that the said *Christopher Deer* hath concealed Liquors, for which Duties are payable to the Crown, with Intent to defraud his Majesty, and contrary to the Statutes in that Case made: These are therefore in his Majesty's Name to require and authorise you to assist the said *Andrew Bull* in the entering of the House, and to enter with him into the House of the said *Christopher Deer*, and search for the said Barrels of Liquor, or any other foreign Liquors, for which Custom ought to be paid, which may be concealed there; and in Case you meet with any Resistance, that you do enter the said House by Force; and if you find any such Liquors, that you do seise

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the same as forfeited, &c. Given
under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to apprehend those who
abuse or resist a Custom-house
Officer.

Midd. ff. *To the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Stepney in the
County of Middlesex.*

WHereas Complaint hath been
made before me, by *Adam Bull*
of *Hackney*, in the said County of
Middlesex, being an Officer of his Ma-
jesty's Customs, that *Christopher Deer*
of *Stepney* aforesaid, Grocer, did
lately, with Force of Arms, resist
the said *Adam Bull* at *Bear-Key* in
your County, being then in the Ex-
ecution of his said Office: These are ^{13 & 14}
therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to ^{Car. 2.}
require and authorise you the said ^{c. 11.}
Constable to apprehend the said *Chri-
stopher Deer*, and bring him before
me, or some other of his Majesty's
Justices of the Peace to be examined
concerning the Premises, and to be
F 2 further

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further dealt with according to Law.
Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

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Warrant to enter the House of a
suspected Person, and search for
Venison, &c.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Luton in the Coun-
ty of Bedford.*

22 & 23

Car. 2.

c. 25.

3 & 4 W

& M. c.

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WHereas Complaint hath been
made before me, that several
Fallow Deer have been lately unlaw-
fully coursed, hunted, kill'd, woun-
ded and taken in Toils, by Persons
unknown, in the Park of Sir Thomas
Parker Bart. in the said County, and
have been carried out of the same,
and I being informed that Venison
and Deer-Skins, have been lately seen
in your Parish: These are therefore,
in his Majesty's Name, to require and
authorise you, upon Sight hereof,
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forthwith to enter into and search the Houses, Out-houses, Yards, and other Places in your said Parish, of such Person or Persons whom you shall justly suspect, or be informed to have any Venison or Skins of Deer; and if you shall find any such, that then you apprehend the Persons so suspected to have unlawfully come by the same, or in whose Houses or Places any such Venison or Skins of Deer shall be found, and bring them before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to be proceeded against according to Law: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to levy thirty Pounds, for nor giving an Account how he came by Venison or Skins.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Luton,
in the County of Bedford.*

WHereas *John Orsbourn of Luton* ^{22 & 23}
aforesaid, Victualler, hath ^{Car. 2.}
been duly convicted before me, of ^{c. 25.}
^{3 & 4 W.}
^{& M. c.}
F 3 having ^{10.}

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having certain Pieces of Venison in his Custody, which upon Search, were found in his House, in the Parish of *Luton* aforesaid, and not being able to produce the Party, of whom he bought the same, or some credible Witness, to make Oath of the Sale thereof to him, so that he hath forfeited the Sum of 30*l.* according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to re- and authorise you forthwith to levy the said Sum of 30*l.* so forfeited as aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said *John Orsbourn*; and that you pay one third Part thereof to *Robert Hill*, who inform'd me of the said Offence, and that you distribute another third Part thereof to and amongst the Poor of the Parish of *Luton*, where the said *John Orsbourn* was committed, and that you pay the other third Part to *John Smith* of *Luton* aforesaid, Gent. the Owner. And if it shall happen that the said *John Orsbourn* shall not have any Goods or Chattels within your Parish, sufficient to satisfy the
said

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saide Forfeiture of 30 l. that then you certify me thereof, that such further Order may be taken therein, as is pursuant to the saide Statute: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for
coursing Deer in a Park.

Bed. ff. *To the Constable of the Parish of Northill in the County of Bedford.*

WHereas it hath been duly prov'd ^{For every} before me that *John Smith* of *Deer Northill* aforesaid, Shoemaker, did on the 10th of *October* last past, unlaw- ^{wounded} fully course (or as the Fact is) one ^{30 l.} *Fallow Deer* in the Park of *John Sams* of *Sutton* in the County aforesaid, without his Consent, or of the Person intrusted with the keeping thereof, contrary to the Statute in that Case made and provided: These are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy

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22 & 23

Car. 2.

c. 25.

3 & 4

W. & M.

c. 10.

by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said *John Smith*, the Sum of 20 l. which said Sum was adjudged to be forfeited by him, on his Conviction before me, for the said Offence, and that you pay one third Part thereof to *Thomas Peters*, who inform'd me of the said Offence so committed and done by the aforesaid *John Smith*, and another third Part unto the Church-wardens or Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Sutton*, where the said Offence was committed, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, and the other third Part thereof to *John Samr*, the Owner of the said Deer; and if no Distress can be found and taken, that then you certify the same forthwith to me. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

The like Warrant mutatis mutandis for assisting or aiding, &c.

Commit-

Commitment for want of a Distress.

Bed. ff. *To the Constable of Northill in the County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaok in and for the said County, and to the Chief Officers of the Town of Biggleswade in the County aforesaid, for the Time being.*

WHereas you the said Constable ^{22 & 23} was lately required, by War- ^{Car. 2.}
rant under my Hand and Seal, to le- ^{c. 25-}
vy the Sum of 20*l.* by Distress and ^{3 & 4}
Sale of the Goods of *John Smith* of ^{W. & M.}
Northill aforesaid, by him forfeited ^{c. 10.}
for an Offence which he committed
against the Form of the Statute made
in the third and fourth Years of the
late King *William* and Queen *Mary*,
entituled, *An Act, &c.* And whereas
I have been certified by you, that you
cannot find a sufficient Distress to be
taken of the Goods of the said *John*
F 5 *Smith,*

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Smith, for the said Offence: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *John Smith*, and to convey him safe to the Gaol of the said County, and to deliver him to the Keeper thereof, together with this my Warrant for your so doing. And you the said Keeper are hereby required to take into your Custody the said *John Smith*, and him safely to keep for the Space of one whole Year next ensuing; and that you then deliver him to the Chief Officer of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, being the Town next adjoining to the Place where the Offence was committed, or some of his Under-Officers, together with this Precept, who are hereby required to set the said *John Smith* in the Pillory of the said Town, on some Market-Day, for the Space of one Hour: And hereof fail not, as you will severally answer the contrary at your respective Perils. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Mittimus.

Mittimus for the pulling down or
destroying Pales in a Park, in
the Night-time.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Potton in the County of
Bedford, and to the Keeper
of his Majesty's Gaol in
and for the County aforesaid.*

WHereas Complaint hath been ^{22 & 23}
made before me, that *John* ^{Car. 2.}
Orsbourn of your said Parish, did on ^{c. 25.}
the Second of this instant *May*, in the ^{3 & 4}
Night-time, pull down and destroy ^{W. & M.}
several Pales of the Park of *Sir Tho-*
mas Philips, Bart. in the County a-
foresaid, contrary to the Statute in
that Case made and provided: And
whereas the said *John Orsbourn* hath
been duly convicted before me of the
said Offence: These are therefore, in
his Majesty's Name, to require and
authorise you the said Constables to
apprehend the said *John Orsbourn*,
and to convey him to the Gaol afore-
said. And you the said Keeper are
hereby ^{c. 10.}

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*Three
Months
Imprison-
ment,
without
Bail.*

hereby required to take him into your Custody, and him safely to keep in the said Gaol, for the Space of three Months, without Bail. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Information against Deer-Stealers disguised, on 9 Geo. 1. c. 23.

Bed. ff. *The Information of Andrew Betts and Charles Driver of the Parish of Sutton, in the County of Bedford, taken before Edward Fish and George Hill, Esqrs. two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, on the 10th of September, 1729.*

THE Informants depose and say, upon their Oaths, that on the Third of April last past, John King, Laurence Monk, and Nathaniel Olliffe, all of the Parish of Potton in the said County, Labourers, about Four of the Clock in the Morning of the same Day, with their Faces black'd, and

and arm'd with Guns and Swords, *Two Ju-*
did forcibly enter into the Park of *lices.*

Sir *John Smith*, Bart. in *Sutton* afore-
said, and then and there take, kill,
and carry away a Brace of Fallow
Deer [or that the said *John King*,
Laurence Monk, and *Nathaniel Ol-*
liffe, so arm'd and disguis'd, did rob
the Warren or Fish-Pond, or maim
the Cattle, or cut down the Trees of
the said Sir *John Smith*, or that they
did shoot at the said Sir *John Smith*]
contrary to a Statute in that Behalf
made: And further, that when they
the said *John King*, *Laurence Monk*,
and *Nathaniel Olliffe* had so done,
they made their Escape to *Dunstable*
in the said County of *Bedford*, and
have not since been heard of to the
Knowledge of these Informants.

Jurat coram nobis die 13

Anno Supradicti

Certificate

Deer-Stealers.

Certificate to the Secretary of
State of an Information against
Deer-Stealers disguis'd.

To the Right Honourable the Lord
Carteret, one of his Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State.

9 Geo. 1.
c. 23.

THIS is to certify to your Lord-
ship, that the Information of
Andrew Betts and Charles Driver of
the Parish of Sutton in the County of
Bedford, against Laurence Monk, Na-
thaniel Orshourn and Peter Russel, all
of the Parish of Potton in the said
County of Bedford, for killing and
stealing of Deer in the Forest of
Dean, hereto annexed, was taken on
Oath before us, Edward Fisher and
George Hill, Esqrs. two of his Ma-
jesty's Justices of the Peace for the
said County of Bedford, as therein is
mentioned; which Information is re-
turned to your Lordship to be laid
before the King in Council, and that
his Majesty's Order of Council be
thereupon made for the said Lau-
rence

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rence Monk, Nathaniel Orsbourn and Peter Russel's surrendring themselves to Justice, as the Statute directs. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to apprehend Deer-Stealers disguised.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of Luton in the said County of Bedford.

W Hereas Edward Fish of Luton 9 Geo. 1. afore-
said, Butcher, and George^{c. 23.}
Hill of Potton in the said County of Bedford, Carpenter, were this Day charged before us, by the Oaths of Charles Deer and Adam Ball, both of Luton afore-
said, Labourers, with entering the Park of Sir John Baker, in Luton afore-
said, in Company with divers others, armed with Guns and Swords, and with Faces blacked and disguis'd, and carrying away from thence one Fallow Deer, on the third Day of this instant July, about Four of the Clock in the Morning of the same Day: These are therefore,
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in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *Edward Fish* and *George Hill*, and bring them before us, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

**Commitment of Deer-Stealers
disguised.**

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol, in and for the said County.*

9 Geo. 2.
c. 23.

W Hereas *Laurence Monk* of *Potton* aforesaid, Carpenter, hath been charged before us, this Day, by the Oaths of *Andrew Betts* and *Charles Driver*, with a Felony by him committed, in forcibly Entering the Park of *Sir Roger Johnson* of *Potton* aforesaid, in Company with divers

Deer-Stealers.

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vers others, arm'd with Guns and Swords, and with Faces black'd and disguised, and killing and carrying away from thence a Brace of Deer on the 13th Day of September last: And whereas the said Laurence Monk hath been examined by us, and is not able to clear himself from the said Charge: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables to convey the said Laurence Monk to the said Gaol; and you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said Laurence Monk into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Distillers.

Distillers**Warrant to search for private Stills.**

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggles-*
wade in the said County of
Bedford.

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W Hereas *Adam Bull* of *Biggles-*
wade afore said, Officer of Ex-
 cise, hath made Oath before me,
 that he hath Reason to suspect that
Edward Fisher of *Biggleswade* afore-
 said, Distiller, makes Use of private
 Stills in the House of one *James Deer*,
 in your Parish, for Distilling of Li-
 quors, and hath convinc'd me of the
 Justness of his Suspicion, by several
 material Circumstances: These are
 therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to
 require and authorise you to assist the
 said *Adam Bull*, in making a diligent
 Search in the House of the said
James Deer, for any Still or Stills
 set up by the said *Edward Fisher*, or
 any other Person; and in Case you
 find any such, that you do seise and
 detain

Distillers. Drunkenness.

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detain the same; and if they are not owned, and cannot be proved to be the Stills of the said *Edward Fisher*, or any other Person, that you do sell the same Stills within twenty Days after Seizure, and dispose of the Monies arising by such Sale; one Moiety thereof for the Use of the King, and the other Moiety to the Persons discovering and seising the Stills, according to the Acts of Parliament in that Case made. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Drunkenness.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on one for being Drunk, or to set him in the Stocks.

Bcd. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Robert Cowper*, Servant to *Adam Bull* of Potton aforesaid, Yeoman, was this Day convicted before me, of being drunk on the

the Third Day of this instant *June*,
in the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid:

4 Jac. 1.

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21 Jac. 1.

c. 7.

These are therefore to require and
authorise you, and either of you, to
demand 5 s. of the said *Robert Cow-*
per, as the Penalty for his said Of-
fence, for the Use of the Poor of the
said Parish of *Potton*: And if he shall
refuse or neglect to pay the same for
the Space of a Week next ensuing,
then you are required to levy it on
his Goods and Chattels by Distress
and Sale thereof, rendring unto him
the Overplus. And if the said *Ro-*
bert Cowper shall not pay the said
5 s. and no Distress can be taken for
the same, then you are hereby re-
quired to set him in the Stocks, there
to remain for the Space of six Hours.
Given under my Hand and Seal this
sixth Day of *June*, 1734.

Excise.

Excise.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture for wetting Barley on the Floor.

Bed. ff. *To Adam Bell, Officer of Excise in the Parish of Biggleswade in the said County.*

WHereas *Adam Bell* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Gauger of Excise, hath this Day made Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, that *George Hurst* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Malster, on the 23d Day of *July* last, wetted, or caused to be wetted, forty Bushels of Barley making into Malt on the Floor, in the House of the said *George Hurst*, and not in his Cistern duly entered, contrary to the Statute in that Case made and provided: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy on the Goods and Chattels of the said *George Hurst*, the

6 Geo. 1.
Two Ju-
stices.
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ness.
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Sum of five Pounds, which he hath forfeited by the Offence aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant against a Tanner for not paying the Duty on Hides, to levy the Forfeiture.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County.*

1 Jac. 1.
c. 22.
9 Ann.
c. 11.

WHereas *Abraham Brotherton* of *Biggleswade* in the County aforesaid, Gent. Officer of Excise for the Duty on Leather, hath this Day made Information, upon Oath, before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, that *Christopher Deer* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Tanner, hath refus'd and neglected to pay the Sum of 20s. with which he is justly charg'd for Duty on tanned Leather: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the Sum of forty Shillings, which he hath forfeited for the said Offence, by Distress and Sale of the Goods

Goods and Chattels of the said Christopher Deer: Hereof fail not. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

A Warrant to levy 10*l.* for bringing an Officer of Excise to make a false Return.

Cantab. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Cottenham in the said County, and either of them.*

WHereas it hath been duly 15 Car. 2. prov'd before us, That An- c. 11 & 12.

drew Butcher of the Town of Cottenham, in the County aforesaid, Brewer, did bribe (or corruptly give Money, Fee, or other Reward, &c. to) Christopher Dawkes, Gauger, (or other Officers, &c.) to make a false Return or Report unto the Office of Excise of Beer, Ale, &c. exciseable within his Division (Charge or Walk) in the said County, or to forbear or omit the doing or executing of his Place or Employment against the

the Form of an Act of Parliament lately made, entitled, *An Additional Act for the Ordering and Collecting the Duty of Excise, and preventing the Abuses therein*; whereby he hath forfeited ten Pounds for the said Offence: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to levy by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said *Andrew Butcher*, the aforesaid ten Pounds, rendring to him the Overplus thereof. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Felony.

Felony.

Warrant to apprehend an Accessary to Felony.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas on the 30th of June ^{3 & 4} last past, several Goods, &c. W. & M. were feloniously stoln and taken away ^{c. 9.} from *John Smith*, by one *Abraham Betts* of *Potton* aforesaid, and the Fact hath been duly proved upon him: And whereas I am inform'd that *Charles Dawson* of your Parish advised and encouraged the said *Abraham Betts* to commit the Felony aforesaid [or hath recieved and entertained the said *Abraham Betts*, since the Fact committed, or bought Part of the Goods so stoln by the said *Abraham Betts*] whereby he is become Accessary to the said Felony, according

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ding to the Statutes in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Charles Dawson*, and to bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer what is laid to his Charge, as aforesaid, and to be dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to commit a Criminal in order to Examination.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County*

WHereas a Felony hath been lately committed, and *Adam Brown* of your Parish being suspected thereof, hath been this Day brought before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County,

The Examination of a Felon.

THE Examinant being charged ^{2 & 3}
before me, by *Andrew Bell*, of P. & M.
G 2 *Southill* c. 10.

Southill aforesaid, Grocer, with the felonious Stealing out of the House of the said *Andrew Bell*, in *Southill* aforesaid, several Goods, viz. three Silver Spoons, a Gold Ring, and a Pair of Silver Buttons, to the Value of three Pounds, on *Monday* the 12th Day of this Instant *May*, he the said *Charles Dawson*, upon his Examination now taken by me, denieth that he stole the said Goods, or ever had them in his Possession [or confesserh that he stole the said Goods, and sold them to *John Deer* of *Biggleswade* in the said County, Silversmith, for twenty Shillings].

Taken before me the Day and
Year abovesaid,

William Brown.

These Examinations are to be taken before any Offender shall be committed. The Examination of the Offender without Oath, and the Witnesses upon their Oaths.

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Examination of a Witness, relating to Felony.

The Examination of Edward Fisher of Potton in the County of Bedford, Taylor, taken upon Oath before me William Brown, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, the Third Day of July 1734.

THIS Examinant, upon his Oath, ^{2 & 3} deposeth and saith, that on the ^{P. & M.} 30th of June last past, ^{c. 10.} Charles Dawson of Potton aforesaid, Turner, did enter the House of Adam Bull of the same Place, and from thence feloniously Steal one Silver Tankard, mark'd A. B. and also three Salvers and Half a dozen of Spoons, belonging to the said Adam Bull, and that this Examinant being at that Time a Servant to the said Adam Bull, endeavoured to apprehend the said Charles Dawson; but there being no other Person in the House belonging

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to the aforesaid, *Adam Bull*, the said *Charles Dawson* very much beat and wounded this Examinant, and left him bound on the Floor, whilst he made his Escape with the Plate and Goods aforesaid, and this Examinant further saith not.

Jurat' Die & Anno suprad'

Coram me,

Will' Brown.

Warrant to search for stolln Goods,
and apprehend the Felon.

Bed. II. *To the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Biggleswade, or
either of them.*

WHereas Complaint hath been made unto me, *Owen Thomas Bromsall*, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, by *John King* of *Northill* in the said County, Yeoman, that of late certain Goods have been feloniously taken from him, and that he hath Reason to suspect *Elizabeth Wells* of the said Parish of *Northill*, Spinster, now resident

dent in your Parish of *Biggleswade*,
to have stoln the same: These are *Felony by*
therefore, in his Majesty's Name, *the Com-*
to require you, that upon Re-*mon Law.*
ceipt hereof, you make diligent
Search in the House of the Widow
Randall of *Biggleswade* aforesaid,
where the said *Elizabeth Wells* now
is; and if upon Search you shall find
the said *Elizabeth Wells*, or any other
suspected Persons, or any of the said
Goods suspected to be stoln, that
then you bring the said *Elizabeth*
Wells, and such other suspected Per-
sons before me, to answer the Pre-
misses; and that you likewise seise
and secure such Goods as you shall
suspect to be stoln: And hereof fail
not, as you shall answer it at your
Perils. Given under my Hand and
Seal, &c.

These are therefore in his Majesty's
Name, to require and authorize you
and either of you, to apprehend the
said *Elizabeth Wells*, and to bring him
before me, or some one of his Ma-
jesty's Justices of the Peace, to be
examined concerning the Premises,
and to be further dealt with accord-
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Warrant to apprehend one for receiving stoln Goods.

Bed. M. To the Constables of Potton
in the said County of Bedford,
and either of them.

W Heres Edward Haddock of Elsey in the County of Cambridge, Farmer, hath this Day made Oath before me, that on or about the 25th Day of January last, a Pair of Breeches of Beaver-Skin, of the Value of 2s. 6d. were feloniously taken from him, and that he saw the said Breeches worn by John Chapman, Labourer, of your said Town of Potton, on Saturday last, being the 31st of May:

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W. & M.

c. 9.

These are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said John Chapman, and to bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according

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ing to Law. Given under my Hand
and Seal, &c.

Warrant to commit a Person for
cutting out a Man's Tongue.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Southill in the said
County of Bedford, and to
the Keeper of his Majesty's
Gaol in and for the said
County.*

WHereas *Adam Bull of Southill* ^{22 & 23}
aforesaid, Butcher, hath made ^{Car. 2.}
Oath before me, that on the Second ^{C. 1.}
Day of *September* last, *Charles Dodd*
of the said Parish of *Southill*, Yeo-
man, did, in a violent Manner, with
a Penknife, cut out the Tongue of
Edward Fisher, of the same Parish,
Taylor [or cut off or slight his Nose]
whereby the said *Edward Fisher* is ve-
ry much maimed and disfigur'd (as
the Case is) contrary to the Statute
in that Case made: These are there-
fore in his Majesty's Name to require
and authorise you, and either of you,

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to take the said *Charles Dodd*, and convey him to the said Gaol: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Charles Dodd* into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be thence discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

A Liberate to release a Prisoner committed on Suspicion of Felony.

Bed. ff. *To the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County of Bedford.*

West. 1.
c. 15.
3 Ed. 1.
*Two Ju-
stices.*

WHereas *Charles Dawson* of *Porton* in the said County of *Bedford*, Labourer, has before us found sufficient Securities for his Appearance before the Justices of the Peace at the next General Quarter-Sessions, to be holden for the said County, there to answer to such Things as shall be objected against him for the felonious Taking of seven Silk Handkerchiefs, and thirty Shillings in Money,

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ney, from *Andrew Bull* of *Potton* aforesaid, Draper, on or about the 30th of *June* last, on Suspicion whereof he was committed to your said Gaol: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require you not to detain the said *Charles Dawson* any longer in your Custody, but that you do forthwith release him from thence, and suffer him to go at large. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to commit an Offender
Guilty of Felony, relating to
South-Sea Stock.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of the Parish of *Biggleswade* in the said County of *Bedford*, or either of them, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.

Whereas Oath hath been made before me, by *Abraham Bell* of *Sutton* in the County aforesaid, Weaver, that *Charles Dawson* of your said

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said Parish of *Biggleswade*, *Turner*, did, on the 17th of *April* last at the City of *London*, personate *Edward Fisher*, a real Proprietor of 100*l.* Capital *South-Sea* Stock, and endeavour to transfer and receive the Money for the said Stock, by contracting with *William Johnson*, and going to the *South-Sea* House for that purpose aforesaid; which by a late Statute is made Felony, without Benefit of Clergy: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, the said Constables, and either of you, to take the said *Charles Dawson*, and convey him to the said Gaol: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Charles Dawson* into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

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Warrant to apprehend one for breaking the Head of a Fish-Pond, &c.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parishes of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford.*

W Hereas *Abraham Brooks* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, *Blacksmith*, was this Day charged before me, by the Oath of *Charles Dudly* of *Northill*, in the said County of *Bedford*, Gent. with feloniously breaking down the Head of a Fish-Pond belonging to him the said *Charles Dudly*, whereby his Fish are destroyed [or with maliciously killing, 9 Geo. r. c. 23, maiming, or wounding his Cattle, or with cutting down or destroying Trees in an Avenue belonging to him, or with setting Fire to his House, Barn, or Outhouse, or Hovel, Cock, Mow, or Stack of Corn, Straw, Hay, or Wood, or with maliciously shooting at him, or with sending a Letter to him without a Name,

*Felony in
destroying
a Fish-
Pond.*

Felony.

Name, or with a fictitious Name, demanding Money, Venison, or other valuable Thing] contrary to the Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *Abraham Brooks*, and bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

See Trees.

**Mittimus for breaking the Head
of a Fish-Pond.**

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.*

9 Geo. 1.
c. 23.

W Hereas *Abraham Brooks* of Biggleswade aforesaid, Blacksmith, was this Day brought before me, and charged by the Oath of

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Charles Dudley of *Northill* in the said County of *Bedford*, Gent. with feloniously breaking down the Head of a Fish-Pond belonging to him the said *Charles Dudley*, whereby his Fish are destroyed [or with maliciously killing, maiming or wounding his Cattle, or with cutting down or destroying Trees in an Avenue belonging to him, or with setting Fire to his House, Barn, or Outhouse, or Hovel, Cock, Mow, or Stack of Corn, Straw, Hay or Wood, or with maliciously shooting at him, or with sending a Letter to him without a Name, or with a fictitious Name, demanding Money, Venison, or other valuable Thing] contrary to the Statute in that Case made; and the said *Abraham Brooks* is not able to clear himself of the said Charge: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you, to take the said *Abraham Brooks*, and convey him to the Gaol aforesaid: And you, the said Keeper, are hereby required to receive him into your Custody, and him safely to keep

keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to apprehend one for stealing a Promissory Note.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford.

2 Geo. 2.

WHereas Adam Brotherton of Potton aforesaid, Butcher, was this Day charged before me, by the Oath of Charles Dawson of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, Gent. with feloniously taking from him one Promissory Note for the Payment of twelve Pounds to him the said Charles Dawson, by Edward Fish, Esq; or Order [one Exchequer Note, Bank-Bill, or Bond, &c.] These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said Adam Brotherton, and to bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be

be examined concerning the Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Mittimus for stealing a Promissory Note.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol there.*

WHereas *Adam Brotherton* of 2 Geo. 2. *Potton* aforesaid, Butcher, was this Day brought before me, and charged by the Oath of *Charles Dawson* of *Biggleswade*, in the said County of *Bedford*, with the felonious Taking from him one Promissory Note for the Payment of twelve Pounds to him the said *Charles Dawson*, by *Edward Fish*, Esq; or Order [one Exchequer Note, Bank-Bill or Bond]: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you,

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you, to take the said *Adam Brotherton*, and. to convey him to the said Gaol: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive him into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Examinations to be taken of the Offender and Witnesses, before Commitment.

Mittimus for forging a Bond.

Bed. H. *To the Constables of the Parish of Dunstable in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.*

2 Geo. 2.

WHereas *Andrew Buck* of *Dunstable* afore said, School-Master, was this Day brought before me, and charged by the Oath of *Charles Deer*, of *Dunstable* afore said, Esq; with forging a Bond of 100 l. for

for the Payment of 50*l.* to him the said *Andrew Buck*, by *Edward Fish* of *Luton* in the said County of *Bedford*, Gent. [Deed, Will, Writing obligatory, Bill of Exchange, Promissory Note, &c.] contrary to the Statutes in that Case made and provided: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, to take the said *Andrew Buck*, and to convey him to the Gaol aforesaid: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Andrew Buck*, and him safely to keep in your Custody until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to apprehend one for
Counterfeiting a Bank-Bill.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish
of Biggleswade in the said
County of Bedford.*

W Hereas *Adam Ball* of *Biggles-* 11 Geo. 1.
wade aforesaid, Taylor, was
this

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this Day charged before me, by the Oath of *Charles Deer*, of *Warden* in the said County of *Bedford*, Gent. with feloniously Counterfeiting [Erasing or Altering] a Bank-Bill, N^o 672. for the Sum of 50*l.* payable to *James Sayer*, Esq; These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *Adam Ball*, and to bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Commitment of one for Counterfeiting a Bank-Bill.

Bed. II. To the Constables of the Parish of *Biggleswade* in the said County of *Bedford*, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol there.

11 Geo. I. **W** Hereas *Adam Ball* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, Taylor, was this

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this Day brought before me, and charg'd, upon Oath, by *Charles Deer* of *Warden* in the said County, Gent. with feloniously counterfeiting [erasing or altering] a Bank-Bill, N^o 672. for the Sum of 50*l.* payable to *John Sayer*, Esq; These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you, to take the said *Adam Ball*, and to convey him to the said Gaol: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive him into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to apprehend one for stealing Sheep.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Northill in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Oliver Musick* of *Hatch* in the said Parish of *Northill*, Shepherd, hath made Oath before me,

*Felony at
Common
Law.*

me, that one Sheep, the Property of *Thomas Walker* of *Beefton*, in the Parish of *Sandy*, in the said County of *Bedford*, Yeoman, was on or about the 26th Day of this instant *November*, as he believes, feloniously taken out of the Flock of the said *Thomas Walker*, then lying in the Parish of *Northill* afore said; and that he hath Reason to suspect *John Lunn* of *Brook-End* in the said Parish of *Northill*, Husbandman, to have stolon the said Sheep:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *John Lunn*, and bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal this 28th Day of *November*, 1734.

Warrant

**Warrant to search for Fowls, and
apprehend the Taker.**

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Sandy in the said
County of Bedford.*

WHereas Complaint hath been *Felony by*
made before me, by *Thomas the Com-*
Martin of Beeston in the Parish of *mon Law.*
Sandy, Yeoman, that in the Night,
between the 23d and 24th of this
instant *December,* one Dozen of
Fowls of the Value of sixteen Shil-
lings, or thereabouts, were taken
out of his Hen-roost, in *Beeston a-*
foresaid: These are therefore, in his
Majesty's Name, to require and au-
thorise you, and either of you, upon
Receipt hereof, to make diligent
Search in all suspected Houses and
Places in your said Parish, and to
bring all and every the Person and
Persons before me, or some other of
his Majesty's Justices of the Peace,
in whose Custody you shall find the
said Fowls, or any of them: As also
all

Felony and Robbery.

all such Persons as you shall have Reason to suspect were concerned in the felonious Taking away the same, to be examined concerning the Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Felony and Robbery.

Warrant to levy a Tax upon Parishioners, for defraying the Charges of carrying a Felon to Gaol, where the Offender hath no Goods.

Bed. ff. *To the High Constable of the Hundred of Clifton.*

3 Jac. 1.
c. 10.

WHereas *George Hill*, a notorious Felon, by Virtue of my Warrant, bearing Date the third Day of this instant *June*, was conveyed to the Gaol of *Bedford* afore said, by *Andrew Bull*, Constable of *Potton*, and *Charles Dawson* and *Edward Fisher* of *Potton* afore said, the Charges and

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Expences whereof amount to twenty Shillings: And the said *George Hill* having no Goods or Chattels to defray the said Expence, a Tax upon the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Potton* hath been made according to Law, for paying and satisfying the same: And whereas the several Persons mention'd in the said Taxation or Assessment (whose Names and the Charges upon them are under-written) have refus'd to pay the respective Sums on them tax'd for the Purpose aforesaid, contrary to the Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to levy the said several Sums herein after mentioned, upon the Goods and Chattels of the respective Persons so taxed, as aforesaid, which shall refuse to pay the same, returning to them the Overplus. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

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Warrant

Warrant to apprehend one suspected of a Felony and Robbery, and make Hue and Cry after him.

Bed. ff. *To all Constables and other his Majesty's Officers, as well within the County of Bedford as elsewhere, within the Realm of England.*

Stat. West.

1. c. 9.

3 Ed. 1.

Stat. of

Winch. c. 1.

13 Ed. 1.

27 El.

c. 13.

Whereas Oath hath been duly made before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace within the said County, by *James Freeman of Sutton*, in the County of *Bedford*, Gent. that upon *Monday* last, being the 17th of this Instant *April*, he the said *James Freeman* was robb'd of two Silver Salvers, one Dozen of Silver Spoons, a Pair of Diamond Earrings, and ten Pounds in Money, amounting in the whole to the Value of two hundred Pounds, taken out of his Dwelling-house in *Sutton* afore-said; and that he hath manifest Cause to suspect *John Blood* of *Wilstead* in the

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the said County, Baker, being a fair Man in a white Bob-Wigg, well set, and about five Foot six Inches high, with a wide Mouth and a Roman Nose, to have robb'd him of the same Goods and Money: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and every of you, to make diligent Search, within your severall and respective Divisions and Precincts, for the said *John Blood*: And also to make Hue and Cry after him from Town to Town, and from County to County, and that as well by Horsemen as by Footmen; and if you shall find the said *John Blood*, that you take him and carry him before some one of the Justices of the Peace within the County, City or Borough where he shall be taken, to be dealt with according to Law: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal the 20th Day of *April* 1734.

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Exami-

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**Examination of a Person robb'd
on the Highway.**

The Examination of Richard King of Biggleswade in the County of Bedford, taken upon Oath before Robert Brown, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, on the 25th Day of May 1734.

2 & 3
P. & M.
c. 10.
27 Eliz.
c. 13.

THIS Examinant saith, that on *Tuesday* the 9th Day of this Instant *May*, he was assaulted in the Highway leading from *Dunstable* to *Wobourn*, at or near a Place called the *Three Wents*, about Ten of the Clock in the Morning of the same Day, by three Men on Horseback, who seized this Examinant; and carried him out of the Road to a By-place adjoining, and robb'd him of the Sum of nine Pounds and his Horse. And farther saith, that he is since informed that the said Highway and By-place are both in the Parish of *Brickbill*, and within

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within the Hundred of *Manstead* in the said County, and that he did not then, or yet doth know either of the Persons who committed the said Robbery.

Jur' Die 3 Anno suprad'
coram me,

R. B.

IN order to bring the Action, the Person must make an Oath as followeth:

Oath of the Party robb'd.

June 1. 1734.

Bed. ff. **R**ichard King of Biggles- 27 Eliz.
wade in the said County, c. 13.

Gent. came before me Henry Philips, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, the Day and Year above written, and made Oath that on Monday the 25th of May last, about Eight of the Clock in the Forenoon of the same Day, travelling from Dunstable to Woburn, he was assaulted in the common Road, three Miles from

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Woburn

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Woburn, in a Field called Black Lays, by three Horsemen, one of them being a Man of about twenty-five Tears of Age, &c. (describing all their Habits and Horses, &c.) which said three Persons then robb'd this Deponent, taking from him, by Force, 20 l. and a Mare; and the said Richard King did further depose, that he doth not know the said Persons, or either of them.

Richard King.
Jurat' Die & Anno su-
prad' coram me,

Henry Philips.

Warrant to Assess and Levy the
Money for a Contribution, be-
ing recover'd against the Hun-
dred, and levied on two Men.

Bed. ff. To the High Constables of the
Hundred of Clifton.

27 Eliz.
c. 13.
Two Ju-
stices.
Quor. un.

WHereas Robert Bigg of Biggles-
wade in the County aforelaid,
Tanner, was lately robb'd of 50 l. in
the said Hundred of Clifton, and hath
since obtain'd a Judgment at Law a-
gainst

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gainst the Inhabitants thereof, which said Sum of 50*l.* hath been levied and charged only upon *John Smith* and *Thomas Palmer*, two of the Inhabitants of *Henlow*, within the said Hundred, who have now made Complaint thereof to us: And whereas we have caused a Rate or Assessment to be made upon the Parishes and Villages within the said Hundred, for the raising the said Money, pursuant to the Statute in that Case made and provided, which said Rate is hereunto annex'd: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name to require and authorise you the said High Constables forthwith to give Notice thereof to the Petty Constables and Headboroughs, immediately after such Notice, equally to set and impose upon the several Inhabitants of the said Parishes, the respective Sums therein Rated, according to their Method of Rating for the Poor of the said Parish, and afterwards to demand the same, and to levy it by Distress and Sale of the Goods of such of the said Inhabitants respectively, who shall refuse to pay the Sum on him or them set or imposed;

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fed; and having received and levied the same, that you do forthwith pay it unto us, or one of us, that the said *John Smith* and *Thomas Palmer* may be reimbursed; and you are further required to give an Account unto us within ten Days next after the Date hereof, what you shall have done in the Premisses: And hereof fail not. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

The Form of the Rate.

27 Eliz.
c. 13.

Bed. ff. **A** RATE made by *Robert Brown* and *George Goodwin*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid; for the raising of 50 l. on the Hundred of *Clifton*, which said Hundred is charged with the said Sum, and the same hath been levied upon *John Smith* and *Thomas Palmer*, two of the Inhabitants thereof, by Virtue of a Judgment had and obtained by *Robert Bigg* against the said Hundred, for a Robbery done and committed therein.

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The Parish of H.	05	00	00
The Parish of B.	06	00	00
The Parish of R.	08	00	00
The Parish of O.	10	00	00
The Parish of N.	07	00	00
The Parish of L.	10	00	00
The Parish of T.	04	00	00

Felony and Burglary.

Warrant to apprehend one for Felony and Burglary, and to make Hue and Cry.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Town of Potton, and all other his Majesty's Peace-Officers in the said County of Bedford, and elsewhere within the Kingdom of England.*

WHereas Complaint was this Day made upon Oath, before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the said County of Bedford, that the Dwelling-house of William Jackson of Brook-End in the Pa-

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rish

Felonv and Burglary.

rish of *Sandey*, in the said County of *Bedford*, Yeoman, was broke open about Eleven of the Clock at Night, on the Tenth of this Instant *June*, by *William Evans* of *Potton* aforesaid, Victualler, who robb'd the said *William Jackson*, at the same Time of two Grey Coats, one Shirt, one Pair of white Gloves, one red Silk Handkerchief, and a considerable Sum of Money:

3 & 4
W. & M.
c. 9.
Stat. *West*.
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3 E. 1.
Stat.
Winch. c.
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13 Ed. 1.
27 Eliz.
c. 13.

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and every of you, to make diligent Search in your respective Precincts, for the said *William Evans*, and likewise to make Hue and Cry after him from Town to Town, and from County to County, as well by Horsemen as Footmen; and having apprehended him, to carry him before some Justice of the Peace of the County where he shall happen to be taken, to be dealt with according to Law. The said *William Evans*, is, as I am informed, a thin Man of a fresh Complexion, middle Stature, and wore a dark brown Wig, and a white Fustian Frock fac'd with Black Cloth

Felony.

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Cloth, on the Day the Fact was committed, and is supposed to be fled towards London. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

A Warrant to levy upon the Offender's Goods, the Charges of carrying him to Gaol.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Sutton in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas it appears to me, upon 3 Jac. r. the Complaint of the Parishioners of *Biggleswade* in the County afore said, that the Charges of *John Lawrence*, and of those who convey'd him to Gaol, being sent thither by my Warrant, upon Suspicion of Felony, did amount to 15 s. and that the said *John Lawrence* hath Goods and Chattels within your Parish, sufficient to defray the said Expence: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, to levy the said Sum of 15 s.

15s. by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said *John Lawrence*, within your Parish, causing the same to be appraised by some of the Neighbours; and that you pay the said Sum unto the Parishioners of *Biggleswade* aforesaid: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

A Warrant to levy a Tax on Parishioners for defraying such Charges, where the Offender hath no Goods.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of the Parish of Biggleswade in the said County.

3 Jac. 1.
c. 10.
One Justice.

WHereas *John Lawrence*, by virtue of my Warrant bearing Date the 25th of *February* last, was convey'd to the Gaol of *Bedford* (for committing Felony) by *Charles Deer*, Constable of the Parish of *Biggleswade*, and *George Edwards* and *Matthew Nichols* of the same Parish, the Charges whereof amounted to 20s. and

and the said *John Lawrence* having
no Goods to defray the said Expence,
a Tax upon the Inhabitants of the
said Parish of *Biggleswade* hath been
made for satisfying the same: And
whereas the several Persons assess'd,
(whose Names and the Charges upon
them are under-written) have refus'd
to pay the respective Sums on them
Taxed, for the Purpose aforesaid:
These are therefore, in his Majesty's
Name to require you, and either of
you, to levy the said several Sums
upon the Goods and Chattels of the
respective Persons so tax'd as afore-
said, which shall refuse to pay the
same. Given under my Hand and
Seal, &c.

The

The Form of the Rate or Tax.

A Rate or Tax made by us whose Names are hereunto subscrib'd, the 12th Day of Feb. 1733. being the Constables, Church-wardens, and three other Inhabitants of the Parish of *Sandy* in the County of *Bedford*, where *John Lawrence* was lately taken and convey'd to the County Gaol, upon Suspicion of Felony; which said Tax is made by us, and charg'd upon the Inhabitants of the said Parish, to defray the Charges for carrying the said *John Lawrence* to Gaol, he having no Goods to satisfy the same.

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<i>A. B.</i>	00	00	10
<i>C. D.</i>	00	01	02
<i>E. F.</i>	00	00	11
<i>G. H, &c.</i>	00	01	06

R. B. Constable.

A. B. } Church-wardens.
C. D. }

Inhabitants of *Biggleswade*.

I *Thomas*

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I *Thomas Smith*, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Bedford*, do allow the Tax above-written. Witness my Hand this 14th Day of *Feb.* 1733.

Thomas Smith.

Fire.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture on a Servant's firing a House, and on Default of Payment to send him to the House of Correction.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County.*

W Hereas *Andrew Barber* of *Pot-* 6 Ann.
ton aforesaid, Draper, hath ^{c. 31.}
this Day made Oath before us, two
of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace
for the County aforesaid, that the
Dwelling-

Dwelling-house of him the said *Andrew Barber*, situate in *Potton* aforesaid, was, on the Sixth of *July* last past, set on Fire and burnt down, by the Carelessness and Negligence of *Christopher Deer*, his Servant; and the said Crime hath been duly proved before us, by the Depositions of the said *Andrew Barber* and of *James Driver*; and the said *Christopher Deer*, on his Examination, not being able to clear himself from the Charge aforesaid, but the Fact appears plain against him: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables to levy the Sum of 100 *l.* on the Goods and Chattels of the said *Christopher Deer*, by Distress and Sale thereof, being forfeited by committing the Crime aforesaid; and that you do pay and distribute the said Sum of 100 *l.* when levied, to and amongst the Sufferers by the said Fire, according to the Direction of the Statute in that Behalf made; and if there shall be no Distress, and the said *Christopher Deer* neglect or refuse to pay the same, that then you do convey

convey him the said *Christopher Deer* to the said House of Correction: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Christopher Deer* into your Custody, and to keep him to hard Labour until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

A Warrant against an Owner of an House and Head Builder, for Building contrary to the Acts.

London, ff. To

W Hereas *Richard Walker*, Own- 6 Ann.
er of a new House in *Fleet-* c. 31.
street, was this Day convicted before
us, *James Smith* and *Joseph Draper*,
Esqrs; two of his Majesty's Justices
of the Peace for the County afore-
said, by the Oath of *William Deer*,
of That
he the said *Richard Walker* did, after
the First of *May*; which was in the
Year 1708, together with *George*
Cook of *Mason*, who
did

did undertake to build the said House, accordingly built the same without Party-Walls between House and House, made either of Brick or Stone, and did make, or suffer to be made, Mouldings or Cornices of Timber or Wood, under the Eaves of the said House, and did not build or cause to be built the Front and Rear Walls of the said House, either with Brick or Stone, or carry the same above two Foot and Half high above the Garret Floor of the said House; nor cope it with Stone or Brick, contrary to the Law in that Case made and provided, by Reason whereof each of the said Persons have forfeited the Sum of fifty Pounds: These are therefore to require you forthwith to levy the respective Sums of fifty Pounds by Distress and Sale of the respective Goods of each of the said Persons; and that you pay one Moiety thereof to *William Dear*, who first inform'd us of the said Offence, and the other Moiety to the Church-wardens of the Parish of *St. Dunstan in the West*, where the said House was erected, for the Use
of

of the Poor thereof: And hereof fail not. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

A Warrant for an Engine-Keeper
to recover 30 s.

London, ff. *To the Constables of the
Parish of St. Brides,
and either of them.*

WHereas it hath been prov'd be- 6 Ann.
fore us, two of his Majesty's c. 31.
Justices of the Peace, in and for the 7 Ann.
said City of London, That Charles c. 17.
Rogers, Engine-Keeper, did first c. 14.
bring in a Parish Engine to help to
extinguish a Fire which lately hap-
pened in the Parish of *St. Brides* a-
foresaid, which Engine was then in
good Order and compleat, with a
Socket, Hose, and Leather-Pipe; by
Reason whereof the Church-wardens
of the said Parish ought to have paid
unto the said *Charles Rogers* the
Sum of thirty Shillings, pursuant to
the Statute in that Case made and
provided, but have hitherto made
Default

Fire. Forcible Entry.

Default in Payment thereof: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the said Sum of 30s. by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said Church-wardens, and that you pay the said Sum to the said *Charles Rogers*: And hereof fail not. Given under our Hands, &c.

Forcible Entry.

Commitment for detaining Lands by Force.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Clifton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.*

5 R. 2.

c. 7.

15 R. 2.

c. 2.

8H.6.c.9.

21 Jac.

c. 15.

WHereas Complaint was made before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of Peace for the said County, by *Abraham Bridges* of the said Parish of *Clifton*, that *Charles Driver* and *Edward Fisher* of the same

same Parish, had made a Forcible Entry into the House and Lands of the said *Abraham Bridges*, situate in *Clifton* aforesaid; and having this Day view'd the same, and found the said *Charles Driver* and *Edward Fisher* forcibly detaining the Possession of the said Messuage and Premisses from the said *Abraham Bridges*, and refusing to deliver up the same, contrary to the Statute in that Case made and provided: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you, to convey the said *Charles Driver* and *Edward Fisher* to the said Gaol: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive them into your Custody, and them safely to keep until they shall be from thence discharg'd by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Frauds

Frauds and Cheats.

Warrant to search for one suspected
to have defrauded a Person
of his Money.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables and all o-
ther his Majesty's Peace-
Officers in the County of
Bedford.*

WHereas *Joseph Jackson*, Banker
and Citizen of *London*, hath
this Day made Oath before me, that
he hath lately been defrauded of se-
veral Sums of Money, amounting to
two hundred Pounds, or thereabouts,
by *Henry Cooper* his Servant; and
that he hath Reason to suspect that
John Webb of *Gamblingay* in the
County of *Cambridge*, hath confede-
rated with his said Servant, and hath
Part of the said Money in his Custo-
dy; and that the said *John Webb*
now lies concealed in the said Coun-
ty of *Bedford*:

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These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you and every of you, to make diligent Search for the said *John Webb* in all suspected Houses and Places in the said County of *Bedford*, and to bring him before me, or some other Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Bedford*, to be examined concerning the Premises, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Game.

Warrant to search for Snares.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and either of them.*

W Hereas Complaint hath been ^{4 & 5 W.}
made before me, that the ^{& M.}
Game hath been of late notoriously ^{c. 23.}
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destroyed by the setting of Snares, Nets and other Engines in your said Parish, for taking and killing the same:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, forthwith diligently to search in the Day-time, the Houses and Outhouses of all such Persons in your said Parish, as you shall suspect to keep or use any Snares, Nets or other Engines for destroying the Game, contrary to the Form of the Statutes in that Case made and provided: And if you shall find any Snares, Nets, or other Engines, or any Hare, Pheasant, Partridge, or other Game, in the Custody or Possession of any Person or Persons not qualified by Law to kill the Game, you are hereby required to seise the same, and to bring them, together with the Person and Persons, in whose Custody or Possession such Snares, Nets, and other Engines or Game shall be found, before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be
I further

further dealt with according to Law.
Given under my Hand and Seal this
5th Day of *August*, 1733.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for
keeping Snares to destroy Game.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Potton in
the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Henry Harding* of *Pot-*^{4 & 5 W.}
ton ^{& M.} afore said, hath this Day
been duly convicted before me, by ^{c. 23.}
the Oath of one Witness, that he
hath, within ten Days last past, kept
and used Snares for killing and de-
stroying the Game, and that he is
not qualified by Law to keep or use
a Snare, or any other Engine for de-
stroying the Game:

These are therefore to require and
authorise you forthwith to levy the
Sum of twenty Shillings, by Distress
and Sale of the Goods and Chattels
of the said *Henry Harding*, which
said Sum is by me adjudged to be
the Penalty for his said Offence, and
that you pay one Moiety thereof to
I the

Game.

the Church-wardens or Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Everton*, where the said Offence was committed, for the Use of their Poor, and the other to *William Hale*, who informed against the said *Henry Harding*, according to the Statute in that Case made and provided; and in Default of a Distress, you are required to certify me thereof, that such further order may be taken therein as the Law directs. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to levy thirty Shillings on one for having Game in his Custody.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of Sutton in the said County of Bedford.

4 & 5 W.
& M.
c. 23.

Whereas *John Sole* of Sutton in the County of Bedford aforesaid, Baker, hath this present Day been lawfully convicted before me, for that he did not give a good Account how he came by a Brace of Hares

Hares which were found in his House in the Parish of *Sutton* afore said, upon Search made for that Purpose, and not being able to produce the Party of whom he bought the same, or some credible Witness, to make Oath of the Sale thereof to him, pursuant to the Statute in that Case made and provided: These are therefore to require you forthwith to levy the Sum of thirty Shillings by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said *John Partridge*, *Sole*, which said Sum is by me ascertained for his said Offence, as forfeited for the same, and that you pay one Moiety to the Church-wardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish where the said Offence was committed, for the Use of the Poor; and for want of such Distress, that you certify me thereof, that such farther Order may be taken therein as the Law directs: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

*Not under
5 s. or a-
bove 20 s.
for every
Hare,
Partridge,
Pheasant,
&c.
See 5 Ann.
c. 14.*

Mittimus for Want of a Distress
for the Game.

Bed. ff. *To the Constable of Potton, in
the said County, and to the
Keeper of the House of Cor-
rection in and for the said
County of Bedford.*

4 & 5
W. & M.
c. 23.

WHereas you the said Constable
was lately by my Warrant
required to levy 30 s. on the Goods
and Chattels of *John Sole* of *Sutton*
in the County of *Bedford*, Baker,
by Distress and Sale thereof, which
said Sum was by him forfeited, for
that he did not give a good Account
how he came by a Brace of Hares
found, upon Search, in his House in
the Parish of *Sutton* aforesaid; and
not being able to produce the Party
of whom he bought the same, or
some credible Witness to make Oath
of the Sale thereof unto him; of
which said Offence the said *John
Sole* had been lawfully convicted be-
fore me: And whereas you have in-
form'd

form'd me that the said *John Sole* hath not sufficient whereon to distrain for the said Forfeiture: These are therefore to require you forthwith to apprehend the said *John Sole*, and convey him to the House of Correction, in and for the said County of *Bedford*, together with this Warrant; commanding you the said Keeper to take the aforesaid *John Sole* into your Custody, and cause him to be whipp'd, and kept to hard Labour for the Space of three Weeks next ensuing the Date hereof. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c. *Not under ten Days, or exceeding one Month.*

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture for destroying Pheasants Eggs.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas it hath been duly proved before us, that *Adam Penalt* Bull of your said Parish, on or about the Seventh Day of *June* last past, in the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid, *1 Jac. 1. c. 27. Two Justices. Two Wives.*

said, did take away from and destroy several Pheasants Eggs in a Nest there, contrary to the Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Adam Bull*, and to convey him to the common Gaol in and for the said County, there to be kept safely by the Keeper of the same, for the Space of three Months, unless he forthwith pay to the Church-wardens of the said Parish of *Potton*, for the Use of the Poor there, the Sum of 20*s.* according to the Direction of the Statutes in that Behalf made and provided. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture for keeping a Gun, without being qualified.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Warden in the said County of Bedford.*

33 H. 8.
c. 6.

WHereas *Andrew Bell* of *Southill* in the said County of *Bedford*, hath

hath this Day made Complaint be-
 fore me, that *Charles Dawson* of your
 Parish, doth keep a Gun, and fre-
 quently use the same for Destruction
 of Game, within the Manors of *Stam-*
ford, Bury, &c. not having 100 l.
per Ann. &c. or other Estate, sufficient
 to qualify him for doing the same,
 contrary to the Statutes in that Case
 made: These are therefore, in his
 Majesty's Name, to require and autho-
 rise you to apprehend the said *Charles*
Dawson, and to bring him before me
 or some other of his Majesty's Justi-
 ces of the Peace for this County, to
 answer the Premisses, and to be fur-
 ther dealt with according to Law.
 Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

22 & 23;
 Car. 2.
 c. 25.
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 W. & M.
 c. 23.
 Penalty
 10 l. be-
 tween the
 King and
 the Prose-
 cutor.

Warrant to search suspicious Houses
 for Fishing Nets, and seise them.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggles-*
wade in the said County of
Bedford.

Whereas Complaint hath been
 made before me, that several
 L 4. Trouts,

4 & 5
 W. & M.
 c. 23.

Trouts, Pike, and other Fish, have been lately destroyed in the River of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, belonging to *Andrew Bell* of *Southill*, Owner of the Royalty thereof, supposed to be done by some idle and ill-disposed Persons in your Parish; and that several Persons within your said Parish do keep Nets, Leaps, Pitches, and other Instruments and Engines for the Destruction of Fish, who are not qualified by Law to do the same: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to enter into and search the Houses, Out-houses, and other suspected Places of all such Persons within your Parish, which you are inform'd have any Nets or other Instruments for Destruction of Fish, and to seise the same where-ever you shall find them, and to bring the Person or Persons in whose House or Possession they shall be found, before me or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to be dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Mittimus

Mittimus to the House of Correction, for Want of a Distress, for Fishing.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Sandy in the said County of Bedford, and either of them, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County of Bedford.*

W Hereas you the said Constables ^{4 & 5} were lately, by my Warrant, ^{W. & M} required to levy 20 s. on the Goods ^{c. 23.} and Chattels of *Henry Newman* of your said Parish of *Sandy*, Labourer, by Distress and Sale of the same, which said Sum was by me adjudged to be forfeited for his taking Fish with a Net in the River of *Sandy* aforesaid, he not being qualified to use a Net, or to take Fish in any River: And whereas you the said Constables have inform'd me that the said *Henry Newman* hath not Goods and Chattels sufficient whereon a Distress
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may be made for the said Forfeiture: These are therefore forthwith to require and authorise you the said Constables to apprehend the said *Henry Newman*, and convey him to the said House of Correction, together with this Warrant: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Henry Newman* into your Custody, and to cause him to be whipp'd and kept to hard Labour for the Space of fourteen Days next after your Receipt hereof. Given under my Hand and Seal this 13th Day of *April*, 1734.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on a Chapman, Higler, &c. for having in his Possession, or any other Person, felling or unlawfully killing Hares, Pheasants, &c.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Potton in the said County of Bedford.*

5 Ann.

c. 14.

5 l. Penalty, between Poor and Prosecutor. One Justice.

W Hereas *Andrew Bell* of *Clifton* in the said County, Yeoman, hath made Oath before me, that on *Friday* last *Charles Driver* of *Clifton* aforesaid,

foresaid, Higler, had in his Possession one Hare [or one Partridge, &c. or offer'd to sell one Hare, &c. or saw him with Greyhounds kill and destroy one Hare in the Ground called *Black-acre*, in the said Parish of *Clifton*,] not being legally qualified to kill the Game, and contrary to the Statutes in that Case made; whereby he hath forfeited the Sum of five Pounds: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you forthwith to levy the said Sum of five Pounds by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the said *Charles Driver*, so forfeited as aforesaid, and that you do pay one Moiety thereof to the said *Andrew Bell*, and the other Moiety to the Church-wardens or Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Clifton*, where the Offence was committed, for the Use of the Poor there, according to the Direction of the said Statutes; and for want of such Distress, that you do convey the said *Charles Driver* to the House of Correction, there to remain for the Space of three Months. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant

Warrant and Commitment of a
Game-keeper for selling Game
without Authority.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Potton in
the said County of Bed-
ford, and to the Keeper of
the House of Correction in
and for the County afore-
said.*

5 Ann.
c. 14.

WHereas *Abraham Brown* of *Big-
gleswade*, Baker, hath lately
made Information, upon Oath, that
on *Monday* last past, at *Potton* afore-
said, *Charles Dodd* of *Selsey* in the
said County, Game-keeper to *William
Brown*, Esq; Lord of the Manor of
—, did sell and dispose of a Brace
of Hares, three Brace of Partridges,
&c. to *Edward Fish* of *Sutton* in the
said County, common Higler, and
the said *Charles Dodd* being this Day
summon'd to appear before me to
answer the Premisses, and upon his
Examination, not being able to pro-
duce the Licence or Consent of the
said

saïd *William Brown*, for his selling and disposing of the Game aforesaid, as the Law directs: These are there- *One Ju-*
fore, in his Majesty's Name, to re- *stice.*
quire and authorise you the saïd Con-
stables to convey the saïd *Charles*
Dodd to the saïd House of Correc-
tion, and deliver him to the Keeper
thereof; and you the saïd Keeper are
hereby required to take the saïd
Charles Dodd into your Custody, and
cause him to be kept at hard Labour
for the Space of three Months, from
the Date hereof, for the Offence a-
foresaid. Given under my Hand and
Seal, &c.

A Warrant to levy the Penalty for
keeping Greyhounds, Setting-
Dogs, &c. not being qualified.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Pa-*
rish of Sandy in the saïd
County, and to either of
them.

WHereas it has been duly prov'd 5 Ann.
before me, That *Charles* c. 14-
Deer,

Deer, of your Parish, hath, for some Time last past, kept and made use of two Greyhounds (or Setting-Dogs, &c.) for the killing and destroying of Game, without being qualified, as the Act of Parliament in that Case made requires: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the Sum of five Pounds (which he hath forfeited by the Offence aforesaid) on the Goods and Chattels of the said *Charles Deer*, by Distress and Sale thereof; and that you pay one Half thereof to *George Dawson* of *Southill* in the County aforesaid, as Informer, and the other Half thereof for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish of *Sandy*. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Gaming.

Gaming.

Warrant to apprehend a Person for
unlawfully Gaming, having no
visible Estate.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggles-
wade in the said County.*

WHereas Complaint hath been ^{9 Ann.}
duly made before us, that *A-*^{c. 14.}
bram Brotherton of *Biggleswade* a-^{2 Geo. 2.}
foresaid, Labourer, doth frequently
use and play at Cards, Dice, and
other unlawful Games, in the Parish
of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, and that he
hath no Estate, nor follows any Em-
ployment to maintain himself, but
lives chiefly by Gaming and Sharping
upon other People: These are there-^{Two Ju-}
fore, in his Majesty's Name, to re-^{sices.}
quire and authorise you to apprehend
the said *Abraham Brotherton*, and
bring him before us, or some other
of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace
for this County, to answer what
shall be objected against him in that
Behalf,

Behalf, and be dealt with according to Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Commitment of a Gamester.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of the Parish of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.

9 Ann.

c. 14.

2 Geo. 2.

WHereas it hath been duly proved before us, that *James Smith* of your said Parish, Barber, on *Monday the 7th of this instant August*, did play at Cards, Dice, and other unlawful Games, at the House of *John Carter* in *Biggleswade* aforesaid, not having any visible Estate or Employment for his Support and Maintenance; and he the said *James Smith* not being able to give sufficient Security for his Good Behaviour for the Space of twelve Months, as the Statutes direct: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise

Gaming.

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authorise you the said Constables to convey the said *James Smith* to the said Gaol, and deliver him to the Keeper thereof: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *James Smith* into your Custody, and him safely to keep in your said Gaol, until he shall give Security as aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Commitment of a Person for keeping an unlawful Gaming-house.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Southill in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.*

WHereas *Andrew Brooks* hath ^{33 H. 8.}
this Day been convicted be- ^{c. 9.}
fore me of keeping an unlawful Ga- ^{2 Geo. 2.}
ming-house in the Parish of *Southill*
aforesaid, and hath refused to give
Security for his not keeping such Ga-
ming-house for the Future, as the
Statutes.

Gaming. Gunpowder.

Statutes in such Cases require: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, to convey the said *Andrew Brooks* to the common Gaol in and for this County; and you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Andrew Brooks*, and him safely to keep in your Custody, until he shall give Security as aforesaid. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Gunpowder.

Warrant to search for Gunpowder.

Midd: fl. To the Constables of Islington
in the County aforesaid.

5 Geo. 1.
c. 26.

On Oath
of two Wit-
nesses the
Justices to
make order
for Remo-
val.

Whereas Notice hath been given to us *William Brown* and *Edward Smith*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, that *Charles Dawson* of your Parish, Grocer, keeps a larger Quantity of Gunpowder in his Ware-house than is allow'd by Law: These

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These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to make diligent Search in the Storehouse of the said *Charles Dawson*, in the Day-time, for such Gunpowder; and if you find in the said Storehouse more than six hundred Pounds Weight, that you do certify the same to us, in order to our Proceeding therein, as the Law directs. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Hawkers.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture against a Hawker for trading without a Licence.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Adam Brown* of *Biggleswade* afore said, Chapman, hath this Day been legally convicted before me of selling several Goods in
8 & 9 W. 3. c. 25.
9 & 10 W. 3. c. 27.
3 & 4 Ann. the c. 4.

the Parish of *Cople*, and of being a trading Hawker or Pedlar without Licence, or being otherwise legally qualified to do the same, contrary to the Statute in that Case made; whereby he hath forfeited the Sum of twelve Pounds: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to levy the Sum of twelve Pounds by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said *Adam Brown*, and to pay one Moiety thereof to *Charles Deer*, the Prosecutor of the said *Adam Brown*, and Informer of the said Offence, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish of *Cople* aforesaid, according to the Direction of the said Statutes. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Hedges.

Hedges.

**Warrant to levy the Penalty for
breaking Hedges.**

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggles-
wade in the said County of
Bedford.*

WHereas it hath been duly pro-^{43 Eliz.}
ved before me, one of his c. 7.
Majesty's Justices of the Peace for
the County aforesaid, that *Thomas
Papper* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, La-
bourer, hath, within six Weeks last
past, broke the Hedges of *John Sams*
of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, (or as the
Case is) contrary to the Laws in that
Case made and provided; I do there-
fore hereby appoint the said *Thomas
Papper*, within five Days after Notice
hereof, to pay unto the said *John
Sams* nine Shillings, in Recompence
and Satisfaction of the Wrong so done,
as aforesaid; and if the said *Thomas
Papper* shall not pay the same, that
then you inform me thereof, that
such

such farther Proceedings may be had against him for the said Offence, as the Law requireth; And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

The same for robbing Orchards or stealing standing Corn.

Warrant to whip a Person for breaking Hedges.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Everton in the said County of Bedford.*

43 Eliz.
c. 7.

WHereas it hath been duly proved before me, that *James Deer* of *Southill* in the said County of *Bedford*, did on the 13th Day of this Instant *December*, break the Hedges of *William Astell*, Esq; standing in the said Parish of *Everton*, contrary to the Laws in that Case made and provided; and it appears to me that the said *James Deer*, is not able to make Satisfaction for the Wrong he hath done, as aforesaid; I do therefore

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therefore hereby order that the said James Deer be whipped by the said Constables of *Everton*, or one of them, as the Law in that Case requireth. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

The same Penalty for robbing Orchards, or stealing standing Corn.

Highways.

Warrant to summon People that have not done their Duties on the Highways.

Bed. H. *To the Constables of Northhill in the said County, or either of them.*

THESE are, in his Majesty's 2 & 3 P. & M. Name to require and authorise you, on Sight hereof, that you give ^{c. 8.} personal Notice to all and every of ^{5 Eliz.} the Persons within mentioned, that ^{c. 13.} they be and appear before us, two of ^{18 Eliz.} his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for this County, on *Monday* next by Eleven of the Clock, at the House

Highways.

House of Sir *William Smith* in *Warden*, to shew cause why they should not be severally fined, according to the several Statutes in that Case made, for neglecting their six Days Work on his Majesty's Highways, in the Parish of *Northill* aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals this 16th Day of *January* 1734.

Warrant to levy certain Sums on Persons who have not done their Duties on the Highways.

Bed. ff. *To the Surveyors of the Highways in the Parish of Northill.*

22 Car. 2.
c. 12.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made before us, upon Oath, that due Notice hath been given to *Andrew Bell, Thomas Palmer, James Orsbourn* and *John Smith*, all of the Parish of *Northill* aforesaid, Labourers, to Work on the Highways in the said Parish, on certain Days lately appointed for that Purpose, in order to amend the same; and that they
and

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and each of them have neglected and refused so to do: These are therefore to require you forthwith to levy the respective Sums hereafter mentioned, upon the respective Goods and Chattels of the said several Persons, by Distress and Sale thereof, that is to say,

Upon the Goods of	l.	s.	d.
<i>Andrew Bell</i> , for neglecting two Days	00	03	00

Upon the Goods of	l.	s.	d.
<i>Thomas Palmer</i> for neglecting three Days	00	04	06

And that you employ the said Sums when levied, for and towards the Amending the Highways in the said Parish of *Northill*: And hereof fail not. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Penalties, Every Day	l.	s.	d.
Labourer	00	01	06
Every Man and Horse	00	03	00
Every Cart with two	00	10	00

Men for every Default.

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Order

Order of Justices for a Surveyor
to dig Gravel, &c. for repair-
ing the Highways.

5 Eliz.
c. 13.

Bed. ff. **W** Hereas Complaint hath
been made before us,
two of his Majesty's Justices of the
Peace for the said County, by *Charles
Driver* and *James King*, Surveyors
of the Highways of *Biggleswade* in
the County aforesaid, that there is
not sufficient Gravel, Sand or Stones
in the said Parish of *Biggleswade*, for
the Repairing of the Highways there-
in, we do therefore, in Pursuance of
the Authority given us by the Statute,
hereby order and allow the said Sur-
veyors, or either of them, and such
Person or Persons as they or either
of them shall appoint, to dig, take,
and carry away Gravel, Sand or
Stones, out of any Waste or Com-
mon in any Parish or Village in the
Neighbourhood of the said Parish of
Biggleswade, without paying any thing
for the same, to be employed in Re-
pairing and Amending the Highways
aforesaid,

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aforesaid, so as they do fill up the Place from whence such Gravel, Sand, or Stones shall be so digged (if required by the Owner of the Soil). Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on a Person for pulling up Posts on a Causeway.

Bed. ff. *To the Constable of the Parish of Southill in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Andrew Bell* of *Southill* 7 & 8 W. 3. c. 29. afore-
said, hath this Day given Information on Oath before me, *One Justice*
that on *Monday* last past, about Eight *of the Clock* in the Evening of the *One Witness*
same Day, *Charles Dawson* of your said Parish, did cut down and carry away a certain Post, out of the Causeway adjoining to the Highway, leading from *Potton* to *Sutton*, there set up for the Preservation of the said Causeway from Carts, &c. contrary to the Statute in that Behalf made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's
K 2 Name,

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Name, to require and authorise you to levy the Sum of 20 s. on the Goods and Chattels of the said *Charles Dawson*, which he hath forfeited for the Offence aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on one for laying Timber in the Highways.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Northill in the said County of Bedford.*

3 & 4 W.
& M. co
12.

W Hereas *Richard Austin* hath this Day made Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, that *John Orsbourn* of *Northill* in the said County of *Bedford*, Carpenter, did within six Months last past, lay Timber and Logs in the Highway leading from *Caldecot* to *Northill* in the said Parish of *Northill*, the said Way not being twenty Foot broad, so that the same was much obstructed, by Reason whereof he hath forfeited
five

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five Shillings, one Moiety to the said *Richard Austin*, who hath inform'd us of the said Offence, and the other Moiety towards Amending the said Highways: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the said Forfeiture on the Goods and Chattels of the said *John Orsbourn*, by Distress and Sale thereof, and to distribute the same as the Statute appoints. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture on a Surveyor, for not erecting a Post at Cross-ways for the Direction of Travellers.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Shefford in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas the Post some time 8 & 9 W. since erected and set up in the 3. c. 16. Highway leading from *Sutton* to *Potton*, at the Meeting of several Cross-ways therein, is decayed and consumed, so as to be render'd useles:

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And

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And whereas *Adam Bell*, Surveyor of the Highways in the said Parish of *Shefford*, was ordered by us to erect and set up a new Post at the Meeting of the Cross-ways aforesaid, with an Inscription thereon in large Letters, setting forth the Name of the next Market-Town, to which each of the said Cross-ways led, according to the Statute in that Case made; and the said *Adam Bell* hath neglected to do the same; whereby he hath forfeited the Sum of 10*s.* to be employed towards the Erecting and Setting up such Post: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to levy the said Sum of 10*s.* on the Goods and Chattels of the said *Adam Bell*, which he hath forfeited for his Neglect, and apply it to the Use aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

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The Justices Precept to the Constables to bring in a List of Persons fit to serve as Surveyors.

Bed. II. *To the Constables of the Parish of Warden in the said County, and either of them.*

TH E S E are to give you Notice, ^{3 & 4 W.} that on *Monday* the 3d of *April* & M. c. next, at the Sign of the *Crown* in ^{12.} *Northill*, in the County aforesaid, there will be a special Sessions held, for putting the Acts of Parliament in Execution relating to the Repairing the Highways; when and where you are hereby required personally to be and appear, and to bring with you, a List of the Names of the Persons within Your Parish, fit to be Surveyors of the Highways for the Year ensuing: (*viz.*) Such as have an Estate of 10 l. *per Ann.* have a Personal Estate to the Value of 100 l. or Rent 30 l. a Year; and if you have not any such a List of the Names of the most sufficient Persons in your said Parish, according

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according to the Direction of the Acts of Parliament in that Case made. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

An Appointment of a Surveyor of the Highways, by Justices of Peace.

At a special Sessions held for the Highways on the 3d. of this Instant, at the Crown in Northill in the County of Bedford.

3 & 4
W. & M.
c. 12.

WE whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, being his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, do hereby appoint *John Smith* of *Biggleswade* in the said County, Malster, (one of the Persons mention'd in a List this Day return'd to us, by *Thomas Deer* Constable of *Biggleswade* aforesaid,) Surveyor of the Highways, in the said Parish, for and during the Space of one whole Year, next ensuing the Date hereof. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

A War-

A Warrant to levy the Forfeiture
for refusing to serve the Office
of Surveyor.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Biggleswade, and
to either of them.*

WHereas *Charles Deer* of *Biggles-*^{2 & 3}
wade in the County aforesaid, ^{P. & M.}
Butcher, was, at a special Sessions held ^{c. 8.}
on the 3d of this instant *April*, law- ^{Two Ju-}
fully nominated and appointed Sur- ^{stices.}
veyor of the Highways, in and for
your said Parish for the ensuing Year;
and it having been proved before us,
that the said *Charles Deer* had Notice
of the said Nomination, within six
Days after the same; and that he hath
refused to take upon him the said Of-
fice; whereby he hath forfeited $\frac{1}{2}$
one Moiety thereof to be paid *Ed-* ^{Moiety to}
ward Dawson, who informed us of ^{Informer,}
the said Offence, and the other to be ^{the other to}
applied towards the Repairing of the ^{amend the}
Highways: These are therefore, in his ^{Highways.}
Majesty's Name to require you to
levy

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levy the said Forfeiture on the Goods and Chattels of the said *Charles Deer*, by Distress and Sale thereof, to be paid and employed as aforesaid; and that you do forthwith return to us, or some other Justice of the Peace for this County, the Names of other Persons within your Parish, fit to serve the said Office of Surveyor; that the Highways may not be neglected. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Labourers.

Warrant to apprehend a Workman leaving Work unfinished.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Sutton in the said County.*

5 Eliz.
6. 4.

WHereas Complaint hath been made before me, that *Andrew Baker* of *Sutton* aforesaid, Husbandman,

man, having undertaken to perform and finish a certain Piece of Work for *Charles Dudley of Clifton* in the said County, Yeoman, viz. to hough eight Acres of Turnips, &c. [at so much by the Great] hath departed from and left the said Work unfinish'd, without any just Excuse, contrary to the Agreement, and to the very great Detriment of the said *Charles Dudley*, &c. These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Andrew Baker*, and bring him before me or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Mittimus

Mittimus to the House of Correction for one that refuses to go to Service.

Bed. ff. *To the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County of Bedford, and also to the Constables of Warden in the same County.*

5 Eliz.
c. 4.

WHereas it hath been duly prov'd before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of Peace for the said County, that *John Sole* of *Southill* in the County of *Bedford* aforesaid, Labourer, is a dissolute and disorderly Person, and refuses to go into Service, or employ himself in any honest Way to get his Livelihood: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, or one of you, forthwith to convey the said *John Sole* to the said House of Correction: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive him into your Custody, and

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and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law, and to give him due Correction, and hold him to hard Labour: Thereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal this Fourteenth Day of September 1733.

Commitment of a Journeyman Taylor for refusing to Work for the Statute Wages.

Midd. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of St Clement Danes in the County of Middlesex, or either of them, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County.*

WHereas *Andrew Bell* of the Parish of *St. Clement Danes* a-
foresaid, within the Liberty of *Westminster*, Taylor, hath made Oath before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, that *George Hill*, a Journeyman Taylor of the said Parish, did on *Monday* last
7 Geo. 1. c. 13.

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last refuse to Work with the said *Andrew Bell*, for the Wages of—— contrary to the Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables to apprehend the said *George Hill*, and bring him before us, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Oaths.*Oath of Allegiance.*

1 W. & M. c. 8. **I** *A. B.* do sincerely promise and swear, that I will be Faithful, and bear true Allegiance to his Majesty King *George the Second*. *So help me God, &c.*

Oath

Oath of Supremacy.

I *A. B.* do swear, that I do from 1 W. &
 my Heart, abhor, detest, and ab- M.c. 8.
 jure, as Impious and Heretical, that
 damnable Doctrine and Position, that
 Princes excommunicated or deprived
 by the Pope, or any Authority of the
 See of *Rome*, may be deposed or mur-
 dered by their Subjects, or any other
 whatsoever.

And I do declare, that no Foreign
 Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Po-
 tentate, hath or ought to have any
 Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Pre-
 heminance or Authority Ecclesiasti-
 cal or Spiritual, within this Realm.
So help me God, &c.

*Declaration concerning Transub-
stantiation.*

I *A. B.* do declare, that I do believe 25 Car. 2.
 that there is not any Transubstan- c. 2.
 tiation in the Sacrament of the Lord's
 Supper, or in the Elements of Bread
 and

and Wine, at or before the Consecration thereof, by any Person whatsoever.

Declaration against Transubstantiation, &c.

30 Car. 2.
c. 1.

I A. B. do solemnly and sincerely, in the Presence of GOD, profess, testify and declare, that I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, there is not any Transubstantiation of the Elements of Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood of CHRIST, at or before the Consecration thereof, by any Person whatsoever; and that the Invocation or Adoration of the Virgin *Mary*, or any other Saint, and the Sacrifice of the Mass, as they are now used in the Church of *Rome*, are Superstitious and Idolatrous. And I do solemnly, in the Presence of GOD, profess, testify and declare, that I do make this Declaration, and every Part thereof, in the plain and ordinary Sense of the Words read unto me, as they are commonly understood by *English* Protestants, without any Evasion, Equivocation or Mental

Mental Reservation whatsoever, and without any Dispensation already granted me for this Purpose, by the Pope, or any Authority or Person whatsoever; or without any Hope of any such Dispensation from any Person or Authority whatsoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before GOD or Man, or absolved in this Declaration, or any Part thereof, although the Pope or any other Person or Persons, or Power whatsoever, should dispence with or annul the same, or declare that it was null and void from the Beginning.

Oath of Abjuration.

I *A. B.* do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare, in my Conscience, before GOD and the World, that our Sovereign Lord King *George* the Second, is lawful and rightful King of this Realm, and all other his Majesty's Dominions and Countries thereunto belonging. And 1 Geo. 1. I do solemnly and sincerely declare, c. 13. that I do believe in my Conscience, that

that the Person pretended to be Prince of *Wales*, during the Life of the late King *James*, and since his Decease pretending to be, and taking upon himself the Stile and Title of King of *England*, by the Name of *James* the Third, or of *Scotland*, by the Name of *James* the Eighth, or the Stile and Title of King of *Great Britain*, hath not any Right or Title whatsoever to the Crown of this Realm, or any other the Dominions thereunto belonging. And I do renounce, refuse and abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to him: And I do swear that I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to his Majesty King *George* the Second, and him will defend to the utmost of my Power against all traitorous Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against his Person, Crown or Dignity: And I will do my utmost Endeavour to disclose and make known to his Majesty and his Successors, all Treasons and traitorous Conspiracies which I shall know to be against him or any of them. And I do faithfully Promise, to the utmost of my Power, to support

port, maintain and defend the Succession of the Crown against him the said *James*, and all other Persons whatsoever; which Succession, by an Act entituled, *An Act for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subjects*, is and stands Limited to the Princess *Sophia*, Electress and Dutches Dowager of *Hannover*, and the Heirs of his Body, being Protestants: And all these Things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge and swear, according to these express Words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common Sense and Understanding of the same Words, without any Equivocation, mental Evasion, or secret Reservation whatsoever: And I do make this Recognition, Acknowledgment, Abjuration, Renunciation and Promise, heartily, willingly and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian. *So help me God.*

Assurance

Assurance for Scotland.

1 Geo. 1.
c. 13.

I *A. B.* do in the Sincerity of my Heart, assert, acknowledge and declare, that his Majesty King *George* the Second, is the only lawful undoubted Sovereign of this Realm, as well *De Jure*, that is, a right King, as *De Facto*, that is, in the Possession and Exercise of the Government; and therefore I do sincerely and faithfully promise and engage, that I will with Heart and Hand, Life and Goods, maintain and defend his Majesty's Title and Government, against the pretended Prince of *Wales* and his Adherents, and all other Enemies, who either by open or Secret Attempts shall disturb or disquiet his Majesty in the Possession and Exercise thereof.

Declaration of Fidelity to be taken by Quakers.

1 W. &
M. c. 8.

I *A. B.* do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare that I will be true

true and faithful to King *George* the Second; and do solemnly, and sincerely and truly profess, testify and declare, that I do from my Heart abhor, detest and renounce, as Impious and Heretical, that wicked Doctrine and Position, that Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of *Rome*, may be deposed or murdered by their Subjects or any other whatsoever; and I do declare that no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to have any Power, Jurisdiction, Superiority, Preheminence or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within this Realm.

Quakers Profession of Faith.

I *A. B.* profess Faith in God the, w. & Father, and in Jesus Christ his M. c. 8. Eternal Son, the true God, and in the Holy Spirit, one God Blessed for evermore: And do acknowledge the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by Divine Inspiration.

Quakers

Quakers Affirmation.

7 & 8 W. 3. c. 34. **I** A. B. do declare in the Presence of Almighty God, the Witness of the Truth of what I say.

Instead of the solemn Affirmation required of the Quakers by the 7 & 8 W. 3. they are by this Statute allowed to leave out the Word God, and to make their Affirmation in the Words following, viz.

I A. B. do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm.

Constable's Oath.

YOU shall well and truly according to your knowledge, Power and Ability, execute the Office of a Constable, so long as you shall continue in that Office.

High Constable's Oath.

YOU shall well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord King George the Second, in the Office of a Constable, in and for the Hundred of *Wixamtree*, for the Year ensuing, or until you shall be thereof discharged, according to due Course of Law: You shall well and truly do and execute all Things belonging to the said Office, according to the best of your Knowledge. *So help you God.*

High Constable's Oath when he delivers in his Presentments.

YOU shall true Presentment make to the Grand Inquest of all Offences and Misdemeanors done or committed within your Hundred, and which are in any wise come to your Knowledge, and belonging to you, to present without any Concealment.

Oath

Oath of a Petty Constable or Head-borough.

YOU shall swear well and truly to execute the Office of a Constable for the Parish of *Northill* for the Year next ensuing, and until another shall be sworn in your Room, or until you shall be lawfully discharged from the said Office.

Oath to a Witness upon his Examination.

YOU shall true answer make to all such Matters as shall be demanded of you concerning a Felony with which *Adam Bell* is charged; you shall speak the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth.

Oath of an Excise-Man and Gauger.

12 Car. 2.
c. 23.

YOU shall swear to execute the Office of a Gauger of the Excise

Oaths.

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cise faithfully and truly, without Fa-
vour or Affection, and shall make and
deliver a true Account from Time to
Time to such Person or Persons as
his Majesty shall appoint to receive
the same, and shall take no Reward
or Fee for the Execution of the said
Office, from any other Person than
from his Majesty, or those whom his
Majesty shall appoint in that Behalf.

*Two Ju-
stices must
certify the
taking this
Oath next
Sessions.*

*He must also at the same Time take
the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy,
per 1 Will. 3. c. 8.*

Oath taken by the Grand Jury

YOU as Foreman of the Grand
Inquest for the Body of this
County of Bedford, shall diligently
Inquire and true Presentment make
of all such Matters and Things which
shall be given to you in Charge; his
Majesty's Counsel, your Fellows and
your own you shall keep secret; you
shall not Present any Person for Envy,
Hatred or Malice, nor conceal any
Truth for Fear, Favour, Affection,
L Reward

Reward, Gain or Hope, but you shall in all Things, to the best of your Skill and knowledge, present the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth.

The rest of the Jury by Three.

THE same Oath which A. B. your Foreman hath taken on this Behalf, you and every of you shall well and truly observe and keep, on your Parts.

Oath of a Candidate for Knight of the Shire.

9 A. c. 5. I A. B. do swear, that I truly and bona fide have such an Estate in Law or Equity, to and for my own Use and Benefit, of or in Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, (over and above what will satisfy and clear all Incumbrances that may affect the same) of the annual Value of Six hundred pounds above Reprizes, as doth qualify me to be Elected and Returned,

Oaths.

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Returned, to serve as a Member for the County of *Cambridge*, according to the known and true Meaning of the Act of Parliament in that Behalf: And that my said Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, are lying and being within the several Parishes, Townships and Precincts of ——— in the County of *Cambridge*.

Freeholder's Oath.

YOU do swear that you are a ^{10 A.} Freeholder in the County of ^{c. 22.} *Cambridge*, and have Freehold Lands and Hereditaments, lying or being at *Lynton* in the said County, of the yearly Value of 40 s. above all Charges, payable out of the same; and that such Freehold Estate, hath not been made or granted to you fraudulently, on purpose to qualify you to give your Vote, and that the Place of your Abode is at *Lynton* aforesaid, and, that you have not been Polled before, at this Election.

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Warrant

Orchards.

Warrant to search for People suspected of robbing an Orchard.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Northhill
in the said County.*

43 Eliz.
c. 7.

WHereas it appears to me, upon the Complaint of *Owen Thomas Bromfall*, Esq; that on *Saturday* Night last, his Garden, in your Town, was robb'd of a great Number of Peaches and other Fruit, and that he hath just Reason to suspect some idle dissolute Persons in your Parish, to have committed the said Fact: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, on Sight hereof, that you make diligent search in all and every the Houses, Outhouses, and Places belonging to such Persons, and upon finding any such Fruit, to seise the same, and also to bring such Persons, in whose Possession the same shall be found, before me, or some other

Orchards.

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other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer the said Complaint. Given under my Hand and Seal this First Day of September 1729.

Warant to Whip a Person for robbing a Garden.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Northhill in the said County.*

WHereas it hath deen duly proved before me, that *James Deer* of *Northhill* aforesaid, Labourer, did on the 21st Day of *August* last, rob the Gardens of *Owen Thomas Bromsall*, Esq; in your said Parish, contrary to the Laws in that Case made and provided: And whereas it appears to me that the said *James Deer* is not able to make Satisfaction for the Wrong he hath done, as aforesaid: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you, to cause the said *James Deer* to be publickly Whipp'd in your

43 Eliz.

c. 7.

Richards.

said Parish of Northill, as the Law
in that Case requires. Given under
my Hand and Seal, &c.

*The same Proceedings for stealing
Standing Corn or breaking Hedges.*

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture for
robbing a Garden.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Northill
in the said County of Bed-
ford.*

43 Eliz.
c. 7.

WHereas it hath been duly pro-
ved before me, that James
Deer of Northill aforesaid, hath, with-
in six Weeks last past, robb'd the
Garden of Owen Thomas Bromsall,
Esq; in your said Parish, contrary to
the Laws in that Case made and pro-
vided: I do therefore hereby appoint
the said James Deer, within five Days
after Notice hereof, to pay unto the
said Owen Thomas Bromsall, Esq; nine
Shillings, in Recompence and Satis-
faction of the Wrong so done, as a-
foresaid; and if the said James Deer
shall

shall not pay the same, that then you inform me thereof, that such further Proceedings may be had against him for the said Offence as the Law requires: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Papists.

Warrant to make search after and seise Arms in the Possession of Papists.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Warden in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas we have received Information by *Edward Fuller* of *Sutton* in the said County, *Tay-*lor, that there are great Quantities of Arms, Ammunition, &c. lodged and concealed in the House of *Abraham Brotherton* of *Warden* aforesaid, Esq; a Papist, or reputed Papist, contrary

Papists.

to the Laws in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you immediately, upon the Receipt hereof, to make diligent Search, in the Day-time, in the Houses and Out-houses of the said *Abraham Brotherton*, or other suspected Places, as you shall think fit; and if upon your Search, you find any Arms, Ammunition, &c. that then you seise the same for the Use of the King, and bring them to us or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to be delivered at the next Quarter-Sessions to be holden for this County, for his Majesty's Use. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant

Warrant of Commitment of Papists concealing Arms, &c.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Luton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.*

WHereas *Adam Bell and Christopher Deer* of *Luton* aforesaid, 1 W. & M. c. 5.
 Papists, or reputed Papists, having lately refused to appear before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Bedford*; and whereas the Houses and Ourhouses of the said *Adam Bell* and *Christopher Deer*, on *Thursday* the 12th of this Instant *July*, were searched for the Discovery of Arms, Ammunition, &c. as the Statutes direct, by Virtue of our Warrant for that Purpose, and no Arms, Ammunition, &c. were found in the said Search: And whereas *Landey Godfrey* of *Sutton* aforesaid; Weaver, hath made Information before us, that in the Bed-
 L 5 chamber

chamber of the said *Adam Bell*, on the 12th of this Instant *July*, the Day of the Search made, after the same was over, he saw two Guns, two Cases of Pistols, and other Warlike Weapons concealed; and that in the House of the said *Christopher Deer*, in a Closet there; two Swords, and three Pair of Pistols were concealed, contrary to the Statutes in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Adam Bell* and *Christopher Deer*, and to convey them to the Gaol aforesaid: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive them the said *Adam Bell* and *Christopher Deer* into your Custody, and them there safely to keep for the Space of three Months, without Bail, and until they shall be discharged by due Course of Law, and also to seise the Arms concealed as aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Peace.

Peace.

Warrant to apprehend one for
breaking of the Peace.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Northill
in the said County of Bed-
ford.*

WHereas Complaint hath been
made before me, that *John
Smith* of *Northill* aforesaid, Barber,
is a Person of a lewd Life and Con-
versation, and a common Disturber
of the Peace: These are therefore,
in his Majesty's Name, to require
and authorise you forthwith to bring
the said *John Smith* before me, or
some other of his Majesty's Justices of
the Peace, to answer unto such Mat-
ters as shall be objected against him by
Robert Peters of *Warden* in the said
County of *Bedford*, Yeoman; and al-
so that you require him the said *John
Smith* to bring sufficient Sureties for
his Good Behaviour until the next
General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace

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to be holden for the said County of Bedford: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

This is founded on the Authority given to Justices of the Peace by their Commission, which see.

Warrant to apprehend Persons for beating another, and to warn them to bring Sureties for Good Behaviour.

Bed. III. *To the Constables of the Parish of Roxton in the said County of Bedford, or either of them.*

WHereas Complaint hath been made before me, by *William Sharp* of *Roxton* aforesaid, Labourer, that on the Eighth Day of this Instant *May*, he was assaulted and dangerously wounded by *Nicholas Huckle* of *Roxton* aforesaid, single Man, and *Henry Huckle* of the same Parish, Blacksmith:

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These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, forthwith to apprehend the said *Nicholas Huckle* and *Henry Huckle*, and bring them before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to answer the Premisses; and you are also to warn the said *Nicholas Huckle* and *Henry Huckle*, to bring sufficient Sureties with them for their Good Behaviour until the next General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the said County of *Bedford*: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Founded on their Commission.

Warrants

Warrant to apprehend Persons
rescuing their Cattle from go-
ing to Pound.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the
Hamlet of Motheranger
in the Parish of Blunham
in the said County of Bed-
ford.*

WHereas Complaint was this
Day made before me, by *John
Coolidge of Motheranger* aforesaid, Yeoman and *Mary Parkins* of the same
Place, Widow, that on the Eighth
Day of this Instant *June*, *John Perry* of *Motheranger* aforesaid, Brick-
layer, and *Mary Barber*, the Wife of
John Barber, of the same Place, and
divers other Persons unkown, did, in
a violent and riotous Manner, unlaw-
fully rescue from the said *John Coolidge* and one *George Dennis*, Servants
of the said *Mary Parkins*, seven Cows,
as they the said *John Coolidge* and
George Dennis were driving them to the

the Pound for a Trespass committed on their Lands by the said Cattle:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to bring the said *John Petry* and *Mary Barber* before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premises, and to be further dealt with according Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

This is founded on the Authority given to Justices of Peace by their Commission.

Warrant to apprehend one for threatening to burn a House.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and either of them.*

WHereas *Nicholas Apthorp* of ^{22 & 23} your said Parish, Apothecary, ^{Car. 2.} was, on the Day of the Date hereof, ^{c. 7.} charged upon Oath before me, by
Joseph

Joseph Cooper of *Caldecot* in the Parish of *Northill*, in the said County of *Bedford*, Husbandman, with threatening to burn the Dwelling-house of *John Mordant*, Gent. situate in *Caldecot* aforesaid; and whereas the said *John Mordant* hath also made Oath before me, that he is really afraid the said *Nicholas Aptthorp* will put his said evil Design in Execution, and set Fire to his said House, if not timely prevented:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *Nicholas Aptthorp*, and bring him before me and *Sir William Smyth*, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, at the Mansion-House of the said *Sir William Smyth*, situate in *Warden* in the County of *Bedford* aforesaid, on Friday the Sixth of this Instant December, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal this fifth Day of December 1733.

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The same may be granted where a Person threatens to kill, beat or wound another.

The Offender to give Sureties to appear at the next Sessions, and in the mean time to keep the Peace or be committed.

Warrant to the High Constable to apprehend the Petty Constable for Breach of Peace.

Bed. ff. *To the High Constables of the Hundred of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and either of them.*

WHereas Complaint hath been made before me, by *Ralph Emmerson of Tomsford* in the said County of *Bedford*, Gent. that *William Warren of Tomsford* aforesaid, Taylor, Constable of the said Parish, hath committed a notorious Breach of the Peace on the Person of the said *Ralph Emmerson*, by beating and abusing him when he had him in his Custody,

Peace.

Custody, on the 27th of this Instant November, and was then also Guilty of profane Curfing and Swearing:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *William Warren*, and bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal this 28th Day of November 1733.

This is by Virtue of their Commission.

Mittimus for want of Sureties for
the Peace.

Bed. ff. *To the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County of Bedford, or to his Deputy there, and to the Constables of the Parish of Southill in the said County.*

WHereas *Joseph Adams* of *Clifton* in the County of *Bedford* aforesaid, Blacksmith, was this Day brought before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, and charged, upon Oath, by *Oliver Bond* of *Southill* aforesaid, Carpenter, with assaulting him the said *Oliver Bond*, and committing divers other Misdemeanors against his Majesty's Peace: And whereas the said *Joseph Adams* hath not brought before me sufficient Sureties to enter into Recognizances to our Sovereign Lord the King, for the said Offence, according to the Statute in that Case made
and

Peace. Pigeons.

and provided: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, or one of you, to take the said *Joseph Adams*, and convey him to the said Gaol; and you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Joseph Adams* into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal this 20th Day of *April* 1733.

This by Virtue of their Commission.

Pigeons.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture for shooting of Pigeons, or on Default thereof, to commit the Offender.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of Sutton in the said County of Bedford.

1 Jac. 1.
c. 27.

W Hereas *Adam Bull* of *Porton* in the County aforesaid, and
Charles

Charles Deer of the same Place, have this Day made Oath before us, that on the 13th of this Instant *July*, in the Common Field called the *North-field*, adjoining to the Pigeon-house of *James King* in *Potton* aforesaid, one *Edw. Fuller* of your Parish, did, with a Gun, kill and destroy, at one shoot, one Brace of Pigeons, contrary to the Statutes in that Case made; whereby he hath forfeited the Sum of 20 s. for each Pigeon so kill'd, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish of *Potton* where the said Offence was committed: These are therefore, in his Ma-

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jefty's Name, to require and autho- & M.

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rise you to levy the Sum of 40 s. of By the late
the Goods of the said *Edward Ful- AB, one*

ler, by Distress and Sale thereof, Justice
which he hath forfeited, as aforesaid, may punish
and that you do pay the same, when the Offender.

levied, to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Potton*, for the Use of the Poor there, according to the Direction of the Acts of Parliament: And if the said *Edward Fuller* shall not have Goods whereof a sufficient Distress may be taken to satisfy the said Forfeiture,

feiture, and shall refuse to pay the same, then you are hereby requir'd to convey the said *Edward Fuller* to the Common Gaol in and for the said County; Commanding you the said Keeper to take him into your Custody, and there to keep him for the Space of three Months, without Bail. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Dooz.

An Indenture to place a poor Boy out Apprentice.

43 Eliz.
c. 2.

THIS Indenture made the Third Day of *August*, in the Fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George the Second*, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Anno Dom. 1734. Witnesseth, That *Adam Bull* and *Charles Deer*, Church-wardens of the Parish of *Potton*, in the said County of *Bedford*, and *Edward Frances* and *George Hurst*, Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish

rish, by and with the Consent of two
of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace
of the said County, whose Names are
hereunto subscribed (*Quor. un.*) have
put and placed, and by these Presents
do put and place *Edward Lawrence*,
a poor Child of the said Parish, Ap-
prentice to *Nathaniel Barker* of *Big-
gleswade* in the County aforesaid, Wea-
ver, with him to dwell and serve,
from the Day of the Date of these
Presents, until the said Apprentice
shall Accomplish his full Age of twen-
ty-four Years according to the Statute
in that Case made and provided, du-
ring all which Term the said Appren-
tice his said Master faithfully shall
serve in all lawful Businesses, accord-
ing to his Power, Wit and Ability;
and honestly, orderly and obediently,
in all things demean and behave him-
self towards his said Master, and all
his, during the said Term; and the
said *Nathaniel Barker*, for himself, his
Executors and Administrators, doth
covenant and grant to and with the
said Church-wardens and Overseers,
and every of them, their and every
of their Executors and Administra-
tors,

tors, and their and every of their Successors, for the Time being, by these Presents, that he the said *Nathaniel Barker* the said Apprentice in the Trade of a Weaver, which he now useth, shall and will teach and and instruct, and, during all the Term aforesaid, find, provide and allow unto the said Apprentice competent and sufficient Meat, Drink and Apparel, Lodging, Washing, and all other Things necessary and fit for an Apprentice; and at the End of the said Term, shall and will make, provide, allow and deliver unto the said Apprentice double Apparel of all Sorts, good and new (that is to say) one good new Suit for the Holy Days, and another for the working Days. *In Witness* whereof the Parties first above-named to these present Indentures, interchangeably their Hands and Seals have set, the Day and Year first above-written.

Witness, *A. B.* }
 C. D. } Church-wardens.
 E. F. }
 G. H. } Overseers.

We

We *William Brown*, and *Edward Smith*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, (*Quor. un.*) do hereby declare our Consent to the putting forth the above said *Edward Lawrence* Apprentice to the said *Nathaniel Barker*, according to the Intent and Meaning of the Indenture above-written,

W. B.

E. S.

See the Warrant to levy the Penalty on one for refusing an Apprentice, under Tit. Apprentices.

Warrant to levy the Forfeiture of Church-wardens, &c. refusing a poor Person removed by Order of the Justices.

Bed. II. *To the High Constables of the Hundred of Biggleswade in the said County.*

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Two Wit-
nesses.
One Ju-
stice.

the Parish of *Blunham* to the Parish of *Biggleswade* in the said County of *Bedford*, and there endeavouring to get a Settlement, contrary to Law, was, by Virtue of an Order made and signed by *William Brown* and *John Emmerson*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, lately removed from the said Parish of *Biggleswade*, to the said Parish of *Blunham*, where the said *Adam Butterfield* is a legal Parishioner and Inhabitant, and was refused to be received by *C. D. G. H. J. K. L. M.* the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Blunham*, as has been duly proved, contrary to the Statutes in that Case made and provided; whereby the said Church-wardens and Overseers have forfeited the Sum of five Pounds: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the said Sum of five Pounds on the said *C. D. G. H. J. K. L. M.* the Church-wardens and Overseers aforesaid, by Distress and Sale of their respective Goods and Chattels. Given under my Hand and Seal, *Esq.*

Notice

Notice by Church-wardens of Appeal to the Sessions on a Removal by Justices.

Bed. ff. *To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Pottor in the said County of Bedford.*

THIS is to inform you, and every one of you, that we the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Northill* in the County aforesaid, do intend, at the next Quarter-Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Bedford*, to commence and prosecute an Appeal against you the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Pottor*, for and concerning the unjust Removal of *Andrew Betts*, from the said Parish of *Pottor* to our Parish of *Northill*, of which you are to take this Notice. Witness our Hands, &c.

M 2 Warrant.

Warrant to send a Wife and Children to her Husband, &c.

Bed. ff. *To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford.*

43 Eliz.
c. 2.
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c. 12.
3 & 4
W. & M.
c. 11.
12 Ann.
c. 23.

WHereas Complaint hath been made before us, that *Hannab*, the Wife of *John Smith*, an Inhabitant of the Parish of *Potton* in the said County, is lately come into your Parish of *Biggleswade*, and hath brought with her three Children of the said *John Smith*, being all Infants, and that the said *Hannab* and Children are likely to be chargeable to the said Parish of *Biggleswade*. These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, or some of you, forthwith, upon Sight hereof, to convey the said *Hannab* and Children to the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid, and to deliver them to the said *John Smith*, there to be settled with him, according

according to Law; and if you do not find him there, then to deliver the said *Hannah* and Children to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Potton* requiring you the said Overseers to provide for them as Inhabitants of your Parish. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Order to seise the Goods and Rents of one who left his Wife and Children on the Parish.

Bed. ff. *To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Luton in the County aforesaid.*

WHereas it appeareth unto us, *Geo. 1. c. 8.*
upon the Complaint of you the said Church-wardens and Overseers, that *James Smith* of your Parish, Carpenter, is departed from his usual Place of Abode, and hath left his Wife and three Children upon the Charge of the said Parish of *Luton*, though he hath a sufficient Estate to discharge and indemnify the same: *Two Justices. Quor. un!*

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These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to seise and take so much of the Goods and Chattels of the said *James Smith*, and to receive so much of his Rents yearly issuing out of his Lands, as will amount to the Sum of— which we do hereby appoint you to receive for and towards the Discharge of the said Parish, according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Mittimus to the House of Correction of one for running away from his Family, and leaving them to the Parish.

Bed. ff. To the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County of Bedford, and to the Constables of Northill in the said County.

43 Eliz.
c. 2.

WHereas it hath been duly proved upon Oath, before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, (*Quor. un.*) that
John

John Thomson of the Parish of *Northbill* aforesaid, Blacksmith, being able to labour and provide for his Family, did notwithstanding, in or about the Month of *May* last, run away from his said Family, out of the said Parish, and absent himself from thence for the Space of six Months, in Parts unknown; whereby his Children became chargeable unto the said Parish: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, or either of you, forthwith to take the said *John Thomson*, and convey him to the House of Correction aforesaid; and you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive him into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law; and in the mean time to give him the full Correction of the House, and otherwise to deal with him as an incorrigible Rogue: And hereof fail not. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

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Warrant

Warrant to apprehend Persons
coming into a Parish with their
Families, without Certificates.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Sandy in the said
County of Bedford.*

13 & 14
Car. 2.
c. 12.
Vide
12 Ann.
Sess. 1.
c. 18.

WHereas Complaint hath been
made before me, by *John Bri-
tain*, Overseer of the Poor of the said
Parish of *Sandy*, that *Thomas Harold*,
William Pierson and *William Smith*,
with their Wives and Families, and
John Burgeſs, single Man, have lately
come into your said Parish of *Sandy*
to reside there, not having obtain'd a
legal Settlement, or produc'd any
Certificate of their being settled else-
where:

These are therefore, in his Maje-
sty's Name to require and authorise
you, and either of you, to bring the
said *Thomas Harold*, *William Pierson*,
William Smith and *John Burgeſs*, be-
fore me, or some other of his Maje-
sty's Justices of the Peace, to be ex-
amined

amined concerning the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to grant a poor Man a weekly Allowance.

Bed. ff. *To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Willington in the said County of Bedford.*

Whereas Complaint was made ^{43 Eliz.} before me, by *A. B.* a poor ^{c. 2.} Man of the Parish of *Willington* a ^{9 Geo. 1.} fore-
said, that he hath a Family of small Children, and is not able to subsist them by his Labour, without the Relief of the said Parish: And whereas I have summon'd you, the said Overseers of the Poor of *Willington*, before me, to shew Cause why the said *A. B.* should not be relieved; and upon hearing both Parties, it doth appear to me that the said *A. B.* ought to be reliev'd by the said Parish:

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These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Willington* aforesaid, to pay unto the said *A. B.* 2s. 6d. a Week towards the Subsistence of himself and his said Family, so long as he shall remain unable to provide for them. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Mittimus to send an Overseer to Prison for deducting Money out of what is allowed a poor Person.

Bed. H. To the Keeper of his Majesty's Prison in and for the said County of Bedford, or to his Deputy there, and to the Constables of Northill in the said County.

43 El.
c. 2.

Whereas *John Rogers*, Overseer of the Poor of the said Parish of *Northill*, was this Day brought before me, and charged upon Oath, by *Sarah Keep* of *Northill* aforesaid, Widow, to have deducted and witholden from

from her the Sum of three Shillings, ordered to be paid her by the Parishioners of the Parish of *Northill* aforesaid, for the Relief of herself and Family; and the said *John Rogers* being able to shew no sufficient Cause why he hath with-held the said Collection from the said Widow *Keep*, and still persisting in his Refusal to pay the same, or to enter into a Recognisance to appear at the next Quarter-Sessions for the County aforesaid, to answer the Premisses, and to abide the Determination of the said Court: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, and either of you, to take the said *John Rogers*, and convey him to the said Gaol. And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *John Rogers* into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal,
Etc.

Order

Order of two Justices to send one to the Parish where he was last legally settled.

Bed. ss. To the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Church-wardens, and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Rumford in the County of Essex, and to every of them.

Whereas Complaint hath been made unto us, whose Hands and Seals are hereunto subscribed and set, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Bedford (Qu. un') by you the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Potton, that Grace Willis of the Parish of Rumford aforesaid, Spinster, is lately come to reside and dwell in your said Parish of Potton, not having obtain'd a legal Settlement there, or produced a Certificate acknowledging her

her to be settled elsewhere, and that * Or likely
 she is * actually become chargeable to¹⁰
 your said Parish of *Potton*: And
 whereas upon the Examination of the
 said *Grace Willis*, upon Oath, we have
 determined and adjudged, and do
 hereby determine and adjudge, that the
 said *Grace Willis* was last legally settled
 at the said Parish of *Rumford*: These^{13 & 14}
 are therefore, in his Majesty's Name,^{Car. 2.}
 to require and authorise you the said^{c. 12.}
 Church-wardens and Overseers of the^{3 & 4}
 Poor of the said Parish of *Potton*, and^{W. & M.}
 every, or any of you, to convey the^{c. 11.}
 said *Grace Willis* to the Parish of
Rumford aforesaid; and you the said
 Church-wardens and Overseers of
 the Poor of the said Parish of *Rum-*^{12 Anne}
ford, are hereby required to receive^{c. 23.}
 and provide for the said *Grace Willis*,
 as an Inhabitant of your said Parish.
 Given under our Hands and Seals,
 &c.

Mittimus

Mittimus to the House of Correction for Persons returning into a Parish from whence they were removed.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Potton, and to either of them, and also to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County of Bedford.*

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c. 2.

13 & 14

Car. 2.

c. 12.

3 & 4

W. & M.

c. 11.

12 Ann.

c. 23.

WHereas *Richard Markennes*, being in *January Anno Dom. 1715.* lawfully settled in the Parish of *Gransden Magna*, in the County of *Huntingdon*, did, by Virtue of a Certificate under the Hands and Seals of the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Gransden Magna*, bearing Date the Ninth Day of *January Anno Dom. 1715.* come and settle in the Parish of *Potton* aforesaid: And whereas, upon Complaint made by the Officers of the said Parish of *Potton*, that the said *Richard Markennes*, with his Wife and

and Family were likely to be chargeable to their Parish, they obtained an Order, under the Hands and Seals of two Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Bedford*, to remove him and his Wife and Family to the said Parish of *Gransden Magna*, and accordingly did remove him and his Wife and Family; since which the said *Richard Markenness* and his Family did, of his and their own Accord, return to the said Parish from whence they were removed: These are therefore to require you, that you, or some or one of you, do forthwith convey the said *Richard Markenness* and *Sarah* his Wife to the House of Correction, and there to deliver him to the Keeper thereof; requiring you also the said Keeper to receive them into your Custody, and punish them as Vagrants (unless the Wife shall be with Child). Given under my Hand and Seal this 20th Day of *July* 1728.

Warrant

Warrant to remove a Person coming into a Parish by Certificate, on his becoming chargeable.

Bed. II. *To the Constables of the Parish of Biggleswade, in the County aforesaid.*

8 & 9 W.
3. c. 30.

WHereas *Andrew Brotherton*, by Virtue of a Certificate under the Hands and Seals of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of *Luton* in the said County of *Bedford*, subscribed and allowed by two Justices of the Peace, hath been permitted to come and reside in the Parish of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, about the Space of two Years last past, for his better Maintenance and Livelihood; but as the Family of the said *Andrew Brotherton* is since increased, and he is not able to maintain them without Relief; whereby they are likely to become chargeable to the said Parish of *Biggleswade*: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorize

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thorise you to convey the said *Andrew Brotherton* and his Wife and Family, to the said Parish of *Luton*, where they are, by the Certificate above recited, owned and acknowledged to be settled Inhabitants and Parishioners, and that you do deliver them to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, together with this Precept, &c. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Title of a Rate and Assessment for the Poor.

A RATE and Assessment made 43 Eliz. this 10th Day of *May* 1729. on^{C. 2.} the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Norbill* in the said County of *Bedford*, for and towards the necessary Relief of the Poor of the said Parish.

A. B. for his Messuage ———

C. D. for one Tenement ———

E. F. for one Cottage ———

G. H. } Church-wardens.
J. K. }

L. M. } Overseers.
N. O. }

We

We whole Names are hereto subscribed, being Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Northill*, have perused this Assessment, and do hereby declare our Approbation thereof,

C. L.

G. D.

T. M. &c.

The Rate and Assessment above is allow'd by us the 12th Day of *May* 1729.

J. L. } Justices.
C. F. }

Warrant to distrain for a Poor Rate.

Bed. II. *To the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Dunstable in the said County.*

Two Justices.

Quor. un.

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c. 2.

FORasmuch as Complaint hath been made by you unto us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, that the several Persons hereunder named, have refused to pay unto you the several Sums of

of Money adjoined to their several Names, being assessed upon them severally for and towards the necessary Relief of the Poor of the said Parish (according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided): These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, that you, some or one of you do forthwith levy the said several and respective Sums of Money by Distress and Sale of the several and respective Goods of the said Offenders, rendring to the Parties the Overplus: And in Default of such Distress, that then you, some or one of you do certify the same unto us, to the end that there may be farther Proceedings touching the Premisses, as to Justice doth appertain. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
<i>A. B.</i>	00	01	06
<i>C. D.</i>	00	01	06
<i>E. F.</i>	00	01	04

Warrant

Postage.

Warrant to take a Distress for Monies ordered to be paid by Justices for Postage.

Bed. ss. *To the Constables of Southill in the said County of Bedford.*

9 Annæ
c. 10.

WHereas on Complaint this Day exhibited by *Andrew Bull of Biggleswade* in the said County of *Bedford*, Postmaster, before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, that *Lawrence Monk of Southill* aforesaid, Yeoman, refused to pay the Sum of five Shillings, by him justly due for Postage of Letters, and the Sum of two Shillings which we awarded for Costs, on his Refusal, as aforesaid, upon examining into and determining the Cause of Complaint, according to the Direction of the Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the said

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saïd several Sums of 5 s. and 2 s. on the Goods of the saïd *Lawrence Monk*, by Distress, and Sale, if not redeemed in three Days; and for your so doing this shall be your sufficient Warrant. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

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The Manner of acknowledging Recognizances.

l. s. d.

Bed. ff.	{	W. O. de, &c. in 10 0 0
14th June		H. O. de, &c. in 10 0 0
1729.		T. W. de, &c. in 10 0 0

YOU *William Odell, Humphrey Osborn and Thomas Woodham*, do severally acknowledge to owe to our Sovereign Lord the King, ten Pounds a-piece, to be levied on your respective Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, for the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, if Default

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fault shall be made in the Condition under-written.

Condition to appear and prosecute at the Assises.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, that if the Parties above-bounden shall appear at the next Assises, and give Evidence against *William Evans* for the Felony and Burglary committed in the Dwelling-house of *William Jackson* of *Brook-End* in the Parish of *Sandy* in the County of *Bedford*, on the 10th of this Instant *June*; then the Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

Another Condition to appear and prosecute.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, That whereas *Andrew Bell* of *Potton* in the said County of *Bedford*, Labourer, was this present Day brought before me by the above-

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above-bounden *David Edwards*, Barber, and was by him charg'd with the felonious Taking of twenty Sheep, the Goods of him the said *David Edwards*, and thereupon was committed by me to the common Gaol; if therefore the said *David Edwards* shall and do, at the next Gaol-Delivery to be holden in and for the said County, prefer, or cause to be preferred, one Bill of Indictment of the said Felony against the said *Andrew Bell*, and shall then also give Evidence there concerning the same, as well to the Jurors that shall then inquire of the Felony, as also to the Jurors that shall pass upon the Trial of the said *Andrew Bell*; then this Recognizance to be void, or else to stand in full Force.

I. s. d.

Bed. ff. *A. B. de, &c. in 20 0 0*
1st Jan. *C. D. de, &c. in 10 0 0*
1727. *E. F. de, &c. in 10 0 0*

YOU *A. B.* do acknowledge to owe to our Sovereign Lord the King the Sum of twenty Pounds; and you *C. D.* and *E. F.* ten Pounds
2 a-piece,

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a-piece, to be levied on your respective Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, if Default shall be made in the Condition under-written.

Condition for Appearance and to keep the Peace.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, That if the above-bounden *A. B.* shall personally appear at the next General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the County of *Bedford*, to answer what shall be then and there objected against him by *H. J.* on his Majesty's Behalf; and shall, in the mean time, keep the Peace towards the said *H. J.* and all other his Majesty's Liege People; then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

Recognizance upon Licensing an Alehouse.

Bed. **B**E it remember'd, that on the second Day of *April*, in the

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the sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth; and in the Year of our Lord, 1733. *Andrew Baker* of *Biggleswade* in the County aforesaid, Victualler, *Charles Deer* of *Sutton* in the County aforesaid, Weaver, and *John Fish* of *Potton* in the said County, Butcher, came before us, *William Brown* and *Henry Johnson*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, and acknowledged themselves Indebted to our said Sovereign Lord the King, in manner following; that is to say, the aforesaid *Andrew Baker*, in Twenty Pounds; and *Charles Deer* and *John Fish*, severally in ten Pounds, of good and lawful Money of *England*; to be levied on their respective Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, to the Use of our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, in Case Default shall be made in the following Condition.

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Recognizance Single.

Bed. ff. **B**E it remembered, that on the Twentieth Day of April, in the seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. John Sole of Hendon in the County aforesaid, Carpenter, came before me, Owen Thomas Bromsall, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, and acknowledg'd himself to be Indebted to our said Sovereign Lord the King; in twenty Pounds, of good and lawful Money of England; to be levied on his Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, to the Use of our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, in Case Default shall be made in the Condition following.

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Recognizance with Sureties.

Bed. ff. **B**E it remembered, that on the seventh Day of *June* in the seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George the Second*, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Abraham Betts* of *Warden* in the County aforesaid, Victualler, *Charles Deer* of *Southill* in the County aforesaid, Victualler, and *Edward Fuller* of *Warden* aforesaid, Yeoman, came before me, *William Brown*, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County; and acknowledg'd themselves Indebted to our said Sovereign Lord the King, in manner following; that is to say, the aforesaid *Abraham Betts*, in twenty Pounds, and *Charles Deer* and *Edward Fuller*, severally in ten Pounds, of good and lawful Money of *England*; to be levied on their respective Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements to the Use of our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and

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Successors, in Case Default shall be made in the under-written Condition.

Recognizance with Sureties.

Bed. ff. **B**E it remember'd, that *John Smith* of *Northill* in the County aforesaid, Yeoman, *Thomas Pope* of the same, Tanner, and *Thomas Bull* of the same Place, Carpenter, on the third Day of *Jan.* in the Year of our Lord 1734. came before us, *Henry Phillips* and *Robert Barker*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid; and in their proper Persons, acknowledg'd themselves indebted to our said Sovereign Lord the King, in manner following; that is to say, the aforesaid *John Smith*, in forty Pounds, and the aforesaid *Thomas Pope* and *Thomas Bull* severally, in twenty Pounds; of good and lawful Money of *England*; to be levied on their respective Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, to the Use of our said Sovereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, in Case Default shall be made in the under-written Condition.

Condition

*Condition for Appearance and
Good Behaviour.*

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, That if the above-bounden *John Smith* shall personally appear at the next General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the said County of *Bedford*, to do and receive what shall be then and there enjoined him by the Court, and in the mean time, that he be of Good Behaviour towards our Sovereign Lord the King, and all other the People of this Kingdom; that then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

If it be for the Peace, then say,

TO answer unto such Matters as shall be objected against him by *Thomas Pope* of *Northill* aforesaid, and to do and receive what shall be then and there enjoined by the Court, and in the mean time to keep the Peace of our Sovereign Lord the King, as

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well towards his Majesty, as all his Liege People, and especially towards the said *Thomas Pope*, and shall not do or procure to be done, any bodily Hurt to him; that then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

*Cap' & Cogn' die & Anno
Suprad' coram nobis.*

H. P.

R. B.

*Oath when one swears the Peace
against another.*

YOU shall swear that you are in Fear of your Life, or of some bodily Hurt to be done, or to be procured to be done to you by *John Smith* of *Northill*; and that you do not require the Peace of him for any Malice, Vexation or Revenge, but for the Causes aforesaid.

Condition to prosecute a Felon.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, that whereas *James Freeman*

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Freeman of Clifton, in the said County of *Bedford*, Taylor, was this present Day brought before me, and charged by the said *John Sole*, with the felonious Taking of fifteen Sheep, being the Goods of him the said *John Sole*; if therefore the said *John Sole*, do at the next Gaol-Delivery, to be holden in the County aforesaid, prefer or cause to be preferred, one Bill of Indictment of the said Felony, against the said *James Freeman*, and do also then and there give Evidence concerning the same, as well to the Jurors that shall enquire thereof on the Part of our Sovereign Lord the King, as also to the Jurors that shall pass upon the Trial of the said *James Freeman* for the same; then this Recognizance to be void or else to remain in full Force.

Capt' Die 3 Anno suprad
coram me,

T. B.

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Condition for appearing at the Sessions.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, that if the within bounden *Andrew Wells* shall make his Personal Appearance before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, at the next Quarter-Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Bedford*, then and there to answer unto such Matters, as on his Majesty's Behalf shall be objected against him (by *Andrew Bell* of, &c. or concerning, &c.) and shall also stand to and abide such farther Orders as the said Court shall award therein, that then and from thenceforth this present Recognizance shall be void, or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

Recognizance not to keep a Gaming-house.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, That whereas it hath

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hath been made appear that the above-bounden *Abraham Betts* hath, for sometime last past, kept a common House for Gaming, Card-playing, &c. in *Warden* aforesaid, contrary to Law: If therefore the said *Abraham Betts*, do not at any Time for the future, permit or suffer Cards, Dice, or any other unlawful Games whatsoever, to be used in his said House, or any Disorders to be therein committed [or, if it be of a Gamester, say, if the said *A. B.* do not for the Future, play at Cards, Dice, &c.]; then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

Capt Die 3 Anno suprad
coram me,

W. B.

Recognizance upon licencing an Alehouse.

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, That whereas the above-bounden *Adam Baker* is allowed

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ed by the Justices above-named, to keep a Common Alehouse, in the House wherein he now dwelleth, known by the Sign of the *Swan*, for the Term of one Year, from the Date hereof; If therefore the said *Adam Baker*, shall not, during the Continuance of the said Licence, permit or suffer any unlawful Games to be used in his House or any Disorders to be committed therein, but shall, during the said Term, keep and maintain good Order and Government in the same; then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

*Capt' Die 3 Anno prius.
suprad' coram nobis.*

W. B.
H. J.

Condition for Appearance of one suspected of Felony.

TH E Condition of this Recognizance is such, that if the above-bound *John Sams* shall and do personally appear at the next General Quarter-

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ter-Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the said County of *Bedford*, then and there to answer such Matters as shall be objected against him on his Majesty's Behalf, by *Thomas Parrot* of *Sutton* in the said County, Barber, concerning the felonious Taking of three Sheep, being the proper Goods of the said *Thomas Parrot*, of which the said *John Sams* is suspected; and also shall abide such Orders as the said Court shall make in the Premises; then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

Capt' Die 3 Anno suprad
coram me

T. B.

*Condition for the Appearance of
one suspected of Felony.*

WHereas *Adam Bull* of *Sutton* in 1 & 2.
the County of *Bedford*, on P. & M.
Monday last past had several Goods ^{c. 13.}
feloniously Taken and Stolen from him; ^{2 & 3} P. & M.
and the above-bound *Christopher Deer* ^{c. 10.}

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stices.
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is suspected to be Guilty of the said Felony, though no direct Proof hath yet been made out against him: Now the Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the said *Christopher Deer* do and shall personally be and appear before his Majesty's Justices at the next General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the said County of *Bedford*, and do then and there answer unto all such Matters and Things as shall be objected against him by the said *Adam Bull*, or any other Person relating to the Felony aforesaid, and do not depart without Leave of the Court; then this Obligation to be void, or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

*Condition for the putative Father
of a Bastard, to appear at the
Sessions.*

THE Condition of this Recognizance is such, that whereas the abovebound *James Langford*, Labourer, is charged upon Oath, by *Anne Farmer*

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Farmer of Potton in the County of *Bedford* abovesaid, single Woman, to have had the carnal knowledge of her Body at several Times, and that the said *Anne Farmer* is now with Child by him the said *James Langford*, which Child, when Born, will be a Bastard: If therefore the said *James Langford* shall personally appear before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, at their next General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the said County of *Bedford*, then and there to abide and receive what shall be enjoin'd by the said Court, concerning the Premisses, and in the mean Time be of Good Behaviour; that then this Recognizance to be void, or else to remain in full Force.

Rioters.

Rioters.**Commitment of Rioters.**

Bed. H. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.*

WHereas it hath been duly proved before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, that *Edward Fish, George Hill, and John King* of *Sutton* in the said County, did on *Monday* the 30th of this instant *July*, assemble together with diverse other Persons, in a riotous and unlawful Manner, at *Potton* aforesaid, to the Terror of the People, and against the Peace, whereby several Persons were bruised and wounded, particularly *James Smart* of *Potton* aforesaid, Shoemaker, and *John Davis* of the same, Tanner: These are there-
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fore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables to convey the said *Edward Fish, George Hill, and John King*, to the common Gaol, in and for the County aforesaid: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive them into your Custody, and them safely to keep until they shall be from thence delivered by due Course of Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Proclamation.

OUR Sovereign Lord the King, chargeth and commandeth all Persons, being assembled, immediately to disperse themselves, and Peaceably to depart to their Habitations, or to their lawful Business, upon the Pains contained in the Act made in the First Year of King George the First, for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies.

God save the King.

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Commitment of Rioters for not
dispersing after Proclamation
made.

Bed. II. *To the Constables of Biggles-*
wade in the said County of
Bedford, and to the Keep-
er of his Majesty's Gaol in
and for the said County.

Rioters not
dispersing
on Procla-
mation,
Guilty of
Felony.

1 Geo. 1.
c. 5.

W Hereas John Sams of Biggles-
wade aforesaid, Butcher, and
James Beard of the same, Shoe-ma-
ker, were assembled with divers o-
ther Persons, in a riotous and tumult-
uous Manner, in the Market-place
of the said Town, on the 3d of this
instant *October*, to the Terror of his
Majesty's peaceable Subjects, and re-
fused to disperse themselves on read-
ing the Proclamation contained in
the Statute made in the First Year
of King George the First, for pre-
venting Tumults and riotous Assem-
blies: These are therefore, in his
Majesty's Name, to require and au-
thorise you the said Constables, and
either

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either of you, to take the said *John Sams* and *James Beard*, and to convey them to the said Gaol; and you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *John Sams* and *James Beard* into your Custody, and them safely to keep until they shall be discharged by due Course of Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Sabbath.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for exposing Goods to Sale on a *Sunday*.

Bed. ff. *To the Constable of Statfold in the County aforesaid.*

W Hereas it hath been duly proved before me, that *John Orsbourn* of Statfold aforesaid, did on *Sunday*, the 9th Day of *June* last, expose Apples, &c. to Sale in your said Parish, contrary to the Statutes

29 Car. 2.
c. 7.
One Ju-
stice.
One Wit-
ness.

*Prosecution
within ten
Days.
Forfeits the
Goods and
s. s.*

Statutes in that Case made and provided; whereby he hath forfeited the said Goods to the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, &c. These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you forthwith to seise the said Goods so exposed to Sale, as aforesaid, and that you sell the same, and employ the Money arising by such Sale, to the Use of the Poor of your said Parish: And hereof fail not at your Peril. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Crying and selling of Milk, and Works of Necessity and Charity are excepted.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on a Carrier for travelling on a Sunday.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parishes of Shefford in the said County of Bedford.*

29 Car. 2.
c. 7.

Whereas it was this Day proved before me, that Charles Dodd of Shefford aforesaid, common Carrier,

er, on the 8th of this instant *July*,
 the *Sunday*, did, with Pack-horses
 or Waggon travel into and through
 the said Parish of *Shefford*, contrary
 to the Statutes in that Case made:
 these are therefore, in his Maje-
 sty's Name, to require and authorise
 you forthwith to levy the Sum of
£ 10. on the Goods of the said *Charles*
 of *Bedd*, which he hath forfeited for
 his said Offence, and that you do
 employ the same, when received, for
 the Use and Relief of the Poor of
 your said Parish of *Shefford*. Given
 under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Warrant to levy the Penalty on a
 Butcher killing Meat on a *Sun-*
day.

ed. ff. To the Constables of the Pa-
 rish of Northill in the said
 County of Bedford.

W Hereas it hath been duly pro- 29 Car. 2.
 ved before me, that *James* c. 7.
Olmer of Northill aforesaid, did, on *One Ju-*
stice & two
Witnesses
in an Oath
Sunday the 8th Day of *July* last past,

Sabbath. Scabengers.

in the said Parish of *Northill*, kill (or sell, as the Case is) several Kinds of Meat, contrary to the Statutes in that Case made and provided whereby he hath forfeited 6 s. 8 d. to the Use of the Poor of the said Parish: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorize you forthwith to levy the said Sum of 6 s. 8 d. on the Goods and Chattels of the said *James Palmer* by Distress and Sale thereof, rendering to him the Overplus; and that you see it employed to the Use of the Poor of your said Parish. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Scabengers.

A Warrant to levy the Penalty for not Sweeping the Street before their Doors.

Midd. ff. To

8 & 9
W. 3. c. 37.
One Ju-
stice.

W Hereas it has been duly proved before me, by *Andrew Bell* of the Parish of *St. Dunstan* in the

West

Test, that *Charles Deer* of the Parish
neglected to
sweep the Street before the Door of
the House, wherein he the said
Charles Deer dwells and inhabits, on
Wednesday the 12th of this Instant;
whereby he hath forfeited ten Shil-
lings: These are therefore, in his
Majesty's Name, to require and au-
thorise you to levy the said Penalty
on the Goods and Chattels of the
said *Charles Deer*; and if no Distress
can be taken, and he shall not pay
the said ten Shillings in six Days af-
ter demanded, then you are to con-
vey him to the common Gaol, there
to remain till Payment. Given, &c.

A Warrant to levy the Penalty
on a Carman riding in his Cart.

Midd. ff. To

Whereas *Adam Baker* of
Carman, 1 Geo. 1.
c. 57.
 hath this Day been legally convicted *One Ju-
stice.*
before me, *James Smith*, one of his
Majesty's Justices of the Peace for
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the County aforesaid, of riding in
Cart in the Street

other Person being on Foot to guide
the same, to the great Danger
Passengers in the said Street: They
are therefore to require and author-
ise you to levy ten Shillings on the
Goods and Chattels of the said
Adam Baker, which he hath forfeited
for the Offence aforesaid; one Moi-
ty to be given to *George Clerk*, who
was the Informer, and the other
the Poor of the said Parish of
and if there be no Distress to be had
for the same, then you are to com-
vey the said *Adam Baker* to the
House of Correction, there to re-
main for the Space of three Day
Given, &c.

Servants

Servants.

Warrant and Commitment of idle Persons refusing to go to Service.

Bed. ff To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County.

W Hereas *William Brown of War-* 5 Eliz.c.4.
den in the County aforesaid,
 Esq; did on *Monday* last, issue out a
 Warrant directed to the Church-
 wardens and Overseers of the Poor
 of the Parish of *Biggleswade* aforesaid,
 requiring them to give Warning to
Edward Fish and *George Hill* (who
 then lived idly in the said Parish,
 not having any visible Estate, or
 lawful Way to maintain themselves)
 to go to Service by the 10th of *June*
 now last past: And whereas the said
 Church-wardens and Overseers have
 this Day represented unto us, that
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they gave Notice to the said *Edward Fish* and *George Hill*, to provide themselves with Services accordingly but that they refused and neglected to do the same, and continue still to live idly, contrary to the Statutes in that Case made: These are therefore in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Edward Fish* and *George Hill*, and to convey them to the House of Correction, and deliver them to the Keeper thereof: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive them into your Custody, and keep them there safely to keep until they shall be from thence discharged by due Course of Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to apprehend one for
abusing his Servant.

Bed. ff. *To the Constable of Roxton
in the said County of Bed-
ford.*

WHereas Complaint hath been ^{5 Eliz.c.4.}
made before us, by *Thomas
Hall of Roxton*, Servant to *Joseph Ro-
binson*, Farmer, that he the said
Thomas Hall hath been beaten and ab-
used by his said Master, *Joseph Ro-
binson*, and by *Mary Robinson* his
Mistress, in a most cruel and barba-
rous Manner: These are therefore,
in his Majesty's Name, to require and
authorise you to apprehend the said
Joseph Robinson and *Mary* his Wife,
and to bring them before me, or
some other of his Majesty's Justices
of the Peace to be examined concern-
ing the Complaint, and to be further
dealt with according to Law. Given
under my Hand and Seal, &c.

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Warrant

Warrant to apprehend one for running away from his Master.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Sandy in the County aforesaid.*

5 Eliz. c. 4.

WHereas *William Godfrey*, being lawfully hired and retained in the Service of *William Newton* of *Sandy* aforesaid, Husbandman, for the Space of one whole Year, is lately departed from his said Service, without the Leave of his Master, and before the End of the said Term: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to command you, &c. that you apprehend the said *William Godfrey*, and bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to find sufficient Sureties faithfully to serve his said Master, according to the Agreement between them; and if he shall refuse so to do, that then you cause him to be conveyed to the common Gaol of the said County, there to remain till he

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he shall find such Surety as afore-
said. Given under our Hands and
Seals, &c.

Warrant to apprehend a disorder-
ly Servant.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Potton in the said
County of Bedford, and
either of them.*

WHereas Complaint hath been made before me, by Mrs. *Anne Barber* of your said Parish of *Potton*, Widow, that *Robert Cowper*, her Servant, hath several times refused to obey her lawful Commands, and given abusive Language to herself, and such Gentlemen and Ladies as resort to her House, and hath also frequently been drunk, neglected her Service, and otherwise behaved himself in a disorderly Manner;

These are therefore to require and authorise you, and either of you, to apprehend the said *Robert Cowper*, and bring him before me, or some

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other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, to answer the Premisses, and to be further dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal this 26th Day of *June* 1734.

Warrant to punish a Servant assaulting his Master.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Sandy in the said County of Bedford.*

5 Eliz.c.4. **W** Hereas *Andrew Butterfield* and *Christopher Dudley* of *Sandy* aforesaid, have this Day made Oath before me, that *Edward Fuller*, Servant or Workman to *Lawrence Monk* of the said Parish, did on *Saturday* last assault and beat his said Master, *Lawrence Monk*, at *Sandy* aforesaid, against the Peace, and contrary to the Statutes in that Case made and provided: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Edward Fuller*, and to bring him before me, with two sufficient Sureties to

to be bound for his Appearance at the next Quarter-Sessions, and in the mean Time to keep the Peace; or in Default of his finding such Sureties, to convey him to the common Gaol, in and for the said County of Bedford, there to remain until he shall be from thence legally discharged. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Mittimus to send a Servant to the House of Correction for lying out of his Master's House.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Northill in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County.*

W^Hereas it hath this Day been ^{5 Eliz.c.4.} duly prov'd before me, that John Simms, Servant of George Radley of the Hamlet of Caldicot, in the said Parish of Northill, Yeoman, hath absented himself from his Master's
O 3 Service,

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Service, lain out of his said Master's House for several Nights, refused to obey his lawful Commands, and otherwise behaved himself in a disorderly Manner:

These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, the said Constables, to take the said *John Simms*, and convey him to the said House of Correction; and you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive him into your Custody, and to detain him for one Week, from the Date hereof; and in the mean Time to give him the Correction of the House, and to keep him to hard Labour. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Soldiers.

Soldiers.

**Warrant to levy the Forfeiture of
an Officer, for killing of Poul-
try, &c.**

**Bed. H. To the Constables of Biggles-
wade in the said County.**

W Hereas it hath been duly proved 1 Geo. 1.
before me, that *Edward Fish*, c. 3.
Gent. a Lieutenant of Foot in the
Regiment commanded by Sir *William
Gore*, did, on *Monday* last past, in
the Backside and Grounds of *Charles
Driver* of *Biggleswade* in the said
County of *Bedford*, kill and destroy
several Cocks and Hens, and other
Poultry, without Leave of the said
Charles Driver, the Owner of the same,
whereby he hath forfeited the Sum of
five Pounds for the Use of the Poor of
the said Parish of *Biggleswade*: These
are therefore, in his Majesty's Name,
to require and authorise you to de-
mand the said Sum of five Pounds of
the said *Edward Fish*, so by him for-
feited,

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feited, as aforesaid; and on Receipt thereof, to pay and apply the same to the Use of the Poor of the said Parish of *Biggleswade*; but if the said *Edward Fish* shall refuse to pay the said Sum of five Pounds, that then you do certify the same to me, that such further Proceedings may be had as are agreeable to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

The same Penalty for destroying any Game, Pigeons, or Fish.

Stamps.

A Warrant to levy the Penalty for selling Pamphlets unstamped.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Potton in the said County, and to either of them.*

10 Ann.
c. 19.

WHereas Complaint hath been made unto us whose Names are subscribed, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County,

County, That *Richard Godfrey* of the Town of *Potton* in the County afore-said, Bookseller, did, on the 19th of *February* last past, at the said Town of *Potton*, expose to Sale one Sheet of Paper, commonly call'd a Pamphlet, not being stamp'd as it ought to be by Law, and the Duty not being paid for the same: We thereupon summon'd him to appear before us, at the *Crown* in *Biggleswade*, in the County afore-said, on *Wednesday* the 27th of *February* last, where he did appear accordingly, and was then and there convicted upon the Oath of *James Smith* of *Potton* afore-said, of the said Offence, by Reason whereof he hath forfeited 10*l.* which we did mitigate to 5*l.* besides 5*s.* which we did allow the said *James Smith* for his reasonable Costs and Charges therein: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and either of you, forthwith to levy the said Sums of 5*l.* and 10*s.* by Distress of the Goods of the said *Richard Godfrey*; and if the same are not redeem'd within six Days after the said

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Distress

Stamps. Swearing.

Distress taken, that then you sell the same, rendring the Overplus to the said *Rich. Godfrey*, reasonable Charges first deducted; and that you pay 10 s. Part thereof, to the said *J. Smith*, and one Moiety of the remaining 5 l. to the King, and the other to the said *J. Smith*, who inform'd us of the said Offence. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Swearing.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for swearing, or fet the Offenders in the Stocks.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of the Parish of Sandy in the said County of Bedford, and either of them.

21 Jac. 1.
c. 2.

6 & 7 W. 3.

c. 11.

One Witness.

One Justice.

W Hereas *Alexander Stuart*, Labourer, was this Day duly convicted before me, of profanely Swearing and Cursing five several Times, on Friday the 24th of this instant May, at your said Parish of Sandy,

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Sandy, whereby he hath forfeited to the Use of the Poor of the said Parish, the Sum of one Shilling for every of the said Offences: These are therefore, to require and authorise you forthwith, to levy the said Forfeitures, amounting in the whole to the Sum of five Shillings, upon the Goods and Chattels of the said *Alexander Stuart*, by Distress and Sale of the same; and that you pay the said Sum of five Shillings, when levied, to the Church-wardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Sandy*, where the said several Offences were committed, for the Use of the Poor of the said Parish; and in Case no Distress can be had, and the said *Alexander Stuart* shall not pay the Forfeitures aforesaid, that then you set him in the Stocks, there to remain for the Space of two Hours, and no more. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Carew.

Cares.

Warrant to apprehend a Collector
for detaining the Land-Tax.

Bed. ff. To John Atterton of Northill
in the said County of Bedford,
Teoman, Collector of
the Land-Tax for the said
Parish of Northill, and to
the Constables of the Parish
of Northill aforesaid, and
to every of them.

1 Geo. 2.

WHereas by an Act of Parlia-
ment, entituled, *An Act for*
granting an Aid to his Majesty, by a
Land-Tax, to be raised in Great Bri-
tain for the Service of the Year 1727.
the said John Atterton and John
Hughes of Northill aforesaid, Butcher,
were by the Commissioners for put-
ting in Execution the said Act, in
the said County of Bedford, duly ap-
pointed Collectors for the said Pa-
rish, of the Monies payable to his
Majesty, by Virtue of the said Act:
And

And whereas the said *John Hughes* hath collected and received of the Inhabitants of the said Parish of *Northill*, the Sum of 80*l.* 14*s.* and 6*d.* being the third Quarterly Payment assess'd on the said Parish, as their Share and Proportion of the said Tax: And whereas Notice hath been duly given to us in Writing, by *Ambrose Reddall*, Receiver General of the Land-Tax for the said County, that the said *John Hughes* hath neglected to pay to the said Receiver General the Sum of 40*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* Part of the said Sum of 80*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* so collected by him, as aforesaid, on the 26th of *December* last, being the Day appointed for the said third Quarterly Payment thereof, or at any Time since: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, and every of you, to apprehend the said *John Hughes*, and bring him before us, or some other Commissioners of the Land-Tax for the said County, to be dealt with according to Law: And you are hereby further required and authorised to seise and secure the Estate, as well
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Freehold as Copyhold, and all other Estates, both Real and Personal, of the said *John Hughes*, wheresoever the same can be discovered or found; and afterwards to render a just and faithful Account of what you shall have done in the Premisses, to us, or some other of his Majesty's Commissioners appointed for the Execution of the said Act, in the said County of *Bedford*, to the End the said Estate of the said *John Hughes*, so seised and secured, may be sold and disposed of by the said Commissioners, to satisfy and pay unto the said Receiver General, the said Sum of 40*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* so detained by the said *John Hughes*, as aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals this 6th Day of February, in the Year of our Lord 1727.

Treason.

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Treason.

Information against a Person
coining.

Bed. ff. *The Information of Abraham Betts of Sandy in the County of Bedford, Yeoman, taken upon Oath before me William Brown, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, the Third Day of August, in the Fourth Year of King George the Second, Annoq; Dom. 1736.*

THIS Informant, on his Oath, 25 Ed. 3^d. c. 2. deposeth and saith, that on the 27th Day of July last past, in the House of Charles Dawson, situate at Biggleswade in the County aforesaid, known by the Sign of the Crown, Edward Fish of the Parish of Biggleswade aforesaid, Silversmith, had in his Possession divers Moulds and Tools made use of in the Clipping and

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and Coining of Money, and that he, this Informant, saw the said *Edward Fish* coin six Silver Shillings, and four Silver Six-pences, in Imitation of the King's Coin: And further, that he saw the said *Edward Fish* offer two Shillings thereof in Payment to *John Simms* of *Langford* in the said County, Butcher, at *Biggleswade* aforesaid, who refused the same, as justly fearing they were counterfeited.

Jur' Die 3^o Anno suprad^o

coram me

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Warrant to apprehend a Person
for Coining.

Bed. ff. To the Constables of Biggles-
wade in the said County
of Bedford.

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Whereas *Abraham Betts* of *Sandy* in the County aforesaid; Yeoman, hath this Day made Oath before me *William Brown*, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace
for

for the County aforesaid, that on the 27th Day of July last, *Edward Fish* of the Parish of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, did coin several Pieces of Money, viz. six Silver Shillings and four Silver Sixpences, at the House of *Charles Dawson*, situate in *Biggleswade* aforesaid, in Imitation of the King's Coin, contrary to Law: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Edward Fish*, and to bring him forthwith before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to be examined in the Premisses, and to be dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Examination

Examination of a Person apprehended for Coining.

Bed. II. *The Examination of Edward Fish of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, taken before me John Smith, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, the 8th Day of August, in the Fourth Year of King George the Second, Annoq; Dom. 1730.*

25 Ed. 3.
c. 2.

THE said Examinant, being duly examined, deposeth and saith, that as to what he is charged with by *Abraham Betts* of *Sandy* in the County aforesaid, relating to Coining of Money, &c. he knoweth nothing thereof, but is intirely Innocent, though he confesseth, that on the 27th of *July* last, he was at the House of *Charles Dawson* in *Biggleswade* aforesaid, as set forth in the said *Abraham Betts's* Information, and that

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that he was handling of Money, and holding two or three Shillings near the Candle, to discover whether the same were good or not, it being Money he received that Evening by Candle-light; but that he coined any Shillings or Sixpences, or other Money, or used any Moulds or Tools for Coining of Money, as the said *Abraham Betts* deposes, he denies the same, or that he ever had any Hand in such Act.

*Taken by me the Day and
Year abovesaid.*

Warrant to apprehend a Person for
Coining of Money, and to seise
his Instruments, &c.

Bed. III. *To the Constables of Pottom
in the said County.*

WHereas *Adam Bridges* of *Pottom* 8. & 9.
aforesaid, hath this Day made *W.3.c.26.*
Oath before me, that on *Monday* last
past, at the House of *Charles Dawson*,
situate in *Pottom* aforesaid, he being
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in the next Room to a private Shop or Warehouse of the said *Charles Dawson* (who is by Trade a Silver-smith) through a Hole or Cranny in the Partition-Wall, or Door, saw the said *Charles Dawson* busy with many Tools and Instruments in making and moulding some white Pieces of Metal, of a round Form, and about the Size of Shillings and Half-crowns, which he took to be the Coining of Money: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to apprehend the said *Charles Dawson*, and seise the Tools and Instruments, and Money, which you can find in the Shop or House of him the said *Charles Dawson*, and that you do bring him, together with the said Tools and Instruments, and Money (if any such you can find) before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to be examined concerning the Premisses, and to be dealt with according to Law. Given under my Hand and Seale, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to commit a Person for melting Bullion, not lawful Silver, but supposed to be Clippings.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Southill in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol in and for the said County.*

WHereas a large Quantity of ^{7 & 8 W.} Bullion hath been lately found ^{3. c. 19.} and seised in the Possession of *Charles Dudley* of *Southill* aforesaid, Goldsmith, which before the Melting thereof, was suspected to be unlawful Silver, and the Clippings of Money: And whereas upon the Examination of the said *Charles Dudley*, taken before us, upon Oath, this present Day, he hath not been able to make sufficient Proof that the said Bullion, before the melting thereof, was not current Coin or Clippings of such Coin, according to the Statute in that Case made and provided: These are therefore, in his Majesty's

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Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, the said Constables, to convey the said *Charles Dudley* to the said Gaol, and to deliver him to the Keeper thereof: And you, the said Keeper, are hereby required to receive the said *Charles Dudley* into your Custody, and him safely to keep until he shall be from thence delivered by due Course of Law. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant and Commitment of a Person for conspiring against his Majesty.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parishes of Luton in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of his Majesty's Gaol there.*

25 Ed. 3.
c. 5.

WHereas *Adam Ball* of *Luton* aforesaid, Ironmonger, was this Day brought before me, and charged by the Oath of *Charles Dawson* of *Luton* aforesaid, Barber with High Treason, in Conspiring to levy War

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War against his Majesty for in Coun-
terfeiting the current Coin of this
Realm, &c.] These are therefore, in
his Majesty's Name, to require and
authorise you, the said Constables, to
take the said *Adam Ball*, and to con-
vey him to the Gaol aforesaid, and
deliver him to the Keeper thereof;
And you the said Keeper are hereby
required to receive the said *Adam Ball*
into your Custody, and him safely
to keep until he shall be discharg'd
by due Course of Law. Given un-
der my Hand and Seal, &c.

Trees.

Warrant to apprehend a Person for
destroying Timber-Trees.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Sandy in the said
County of Bedford.*

WHereas Complaint hath been 6 Geo. 1.
made before me, by *Edward c. 16.*
Smith of the Parish of *Sandy* afore-
said, that on the Third of *July* last,
Charles

Charles Driver of the said Parish of *Sandy*, did maliciously cut and spoil one Timber-Tree, belonging to him the said *Edward Smith*, in a Ground called *Home-Close*, contrary to the Statutes made for Preservation of Timber and Woods: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, the said Constables, and either of you, to apprehend the said *Charles Driver*, and that you bring him before me, or some other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, in order to an Adjudication of the Offence, and Awarding the Punishment, which the Statute requires. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

See Title Felony.

Commit-

Commitment of a Person for spoiling Timber-Trees.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction, in and for the said County.*

WHereas *Adam Bell* of *Biggleswade* afore-^{1 Geo. 1. c. 48.} said, *Baker*, hath this Day been legally convicted before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, of maliciously cutting down two Timber-Trees (or Fruit-Trees, &c.) of and belonging to *Charles Deer* of *Biggleswade* afore-
said, contrary to a late Statute in that Case made: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you the said Constables, to convey the said *Adam Bell* to the House of Correction at *Bedford*, in the County afore-
said, and to deliver him to the Keeper thereof: And you the said Keeper are hereby required to receive the said *Adam Bell* into
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your Custody and him safely to keep at hard Labour in your said House of Correction, for the Space of three Months, next ensuing, and until he shall be legally discharged from thence: And we do further Order, that you, the said Keeper, do cause the said *Adam Bell* to be publickly whip'd in the Town of *Potton*, (on a Market-Day there, between the Hours of Eleven and One of the Clock) once in every Month, during the said three Months. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Turnpikes.

Warrant to apprehend People for not doing their Duties on the Turnpike-Road.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Northill and Caldecot in the said County of Bedford.*

8 Geo. 1. c. 5. **W**Hereas Complaint hath this Day been made before Sir *William Smith* and *Owen Thomas Bromfall*,
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fall, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Ju- ^{One or more Ju-}
stices of the Peace for the said Coun- ^{stices.}
ty, by *William Haile* of *Everton*, a-
gainst *Edward Reynolds*, *Joseph Ra-*
vens, *Edward Oliver*, *Thomas Gylli-*
ans, and *James Deare*, for not do-
ing their Duty in the Turnpike-Road
from *Biggleswade-Bridge* to *Alconber-*
ry-Hill: These are therefore, in his
Majesty's Name, to require and au-
thorise you, on Sight hereof, to sum-
mon the said *Edward Reynolds*, *Jo-*
seph Ravens, *Edward Oliver*, *Thomas*
Gyllians and *James Deare*, to appear
before us at *Sir William Smith's* at
Warden, on *Monday* the 20th of this
Instant, to shew Cause why they
have not done their Duties, and to
be further dealt with according to
Law. Given under our Hands and
Seals the 7th Day of *October* 1729.

Warrant to levy the Penalty for driving Horses through Grounds to avoid a Turnpike.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford.*

8 Geo. 1.
c. 5.

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more Ju-
stices.

WHereas *Charles Dixcy* was this Day legally convicted before us, on the Oaths of *James Smith* and *John Barber*, of Driving several Horses through a certain Ground adjoining to the Highway leading to *Biggleswade*, to avoid the Payment of the Toll due from all Persons passing the said Way, at the Turnpike of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, contrary to the Statute in that Behalf made and provided: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the Sum of 10 s. on the said *Charles Dixcy*, by Distress and Sale of his Goods, for the Offence aforesaid. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant

Warrant to send a Person to the House of Correction for breaking down the Gate of a Turnpike.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Biggleswade in the said County of Bedford, and to the Keeper of the House of Correction in and for the said County.*

WHereas it hath been duly proved before us, *John Smith* Geo. 2. c. 23. and *Edward Brown*, Esqs; two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, by the Oaths of *Edward Farmer* and *George Hill*, that *John King* of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, did on *Thursday* last, wilfully, maliciously and violently cut, break down and lay open the large Bolted Gate belonging to the Turnpike within the Parish and Highway of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, so that the Passengers might pass by the said Turnpike without paying any Toll, in
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stices, or
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great Contempt of the Act of Par-
liament made for repairing the said
Ways, and erecting the said Turn-
pike: These are therefore, in his Ma-
jesty's Name, to require and autho-
rise you, the said Constables, to con-
vey the said *John King* to the said
House of Correction, and to deliver
him to the Keeper thereof: And you
the said Keeper are hereby required
to take the said *John King* into your
Custody, and him safely to keep at
hard Labour for the Space of three
Months: And you, the said Keeper,
are hereby further required, on
Wednesday next, to deliver the said
John King to the Constable of the
Town of *Biggleswade* aforesaid, who
is commanded to strip the said *John*
King from the Waste upwards, and
to whip or cause him to be whipp'd
publickly, in the Market-place of the
said Town, between the Hours of E-
leven and One of the Clock of the
aforesaid Day. Given under our
Hands and Seals, &c.

Cities.

Tithes.**Summons to appear for Nonpayment of Tithes.**

Bed. ff. *To Adam Ball of Potton
in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas Complaint hath been 7 & 8 W.
made before us, two of his 3. c. 6.
Majesty's Justices of the Peace
for the County of *Bedford*, that you
the said *Andrew Bell*, have refused to
pay unto *Charles Dean*, Vicar of the
Parish of *Sutton*, in the said County
of *Bedford*, the small Tithes due to
him from you, as by Law you
ought: These are therefore to require
you to appear before us at the Sign
of the *Crown* in the said Parish of *Sutton*,
on *Monday the 24th of August*, to
be examined concerning the Premisses.
Given under our Hands and Seals,
&c.

Warrant to apprehend a Quaker
for not paying his small Tithes.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Statfold
in the said County of Bed-
ford, or either of them.*

7 & 8 W. 3. c. 34. 1 Geo. 1. c. 6. **T**H E S E are, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you, that you cause *Edward Freeman* of your Town, Quaker, to appear before us, and other of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County, at the Crown in *Nortbill*, on *Monday* the 14th Day of *July* next, by Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, to answer the Complaint of the Rev. Mr. *Edward Brooks*, for refusing to pay him the small Tithes now due to him, as Vicar of your Parish, and further to do as the Law shall direct. Given under our Hands and Seals this 26th Day of *June* 1733.

Order

Order for one to pay his small
Tithes.

Bed. ff. To Andrew Bell of the Pa-
risk of Sutton in the Coun-
ty of Bedford.

W Hereas Complaint hath been 7 & 8 W. 3.
made to us, two of his Ma- c. 6.
jesty's Justices of the Peace for the
said County of *Bedford*, that *Andrew
Bell*, being a Person commonly cal-
led a Quaker, hath refused to pay or
compound for his small Tithes, ari-
sing in the Parish of *Sutton*, in the
said County of *Bedford*; and where-
as the said *Andrew Bell* hath been du-
ly summon'd before us, and exami-
ned concerning the Truth and Justice
of the said Complaint, and we do
find that there is Justly due from the
said *Andrew Bell* to the Vicar of the
said Parish of *Sutton*, the Sum of 40 s.
for small Tithes, for the two Years
last past: We therefore, the afore-
said Justices, being neither of us Pa-
tron of the said Parish-Church of *Sut-*
ton,

Tithes.

ton, or any ways interested in the said Tithes, do order and appoint the aforesaid *Andrew Bell*, to pay or cause to be paid unto the said Vicar the aforesaid Sum of 40 s. within ten Days after Notice of this our Order. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

Warrant to distrain for Non-payment of small Tithes.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Statfold in the said County of Bedford.*

7 & 8 W.
3. c. 6.

WHereas *Andrew Bell*, being a Person commonly called a Quaker, hath been summoned to appear before us, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County, to be examined for Non-payment of his small Tithes: And whereas we the said Justices, did order the said *Andrew Bell* to pay unto the Vicar of *Sutton*, the Sum of 40 s. within ten Days after Notice of the said Order: And whereas it appeareth unto me, *Phillip Lancaster*, Esq; one of the

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the said Justices, that the said *Andrew Bell* had due Notice of the said Order, but did, and still doth refuse to pay the said Sum of 40 s. These are therefore to require you forthwith to levy the said Sum of 40 s. by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said *Andrew Bell*, rendring to him the Overplus, if any shall happen to be: And hereof fail not. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Vagrants.

Form of a Pass for a Vagrant.

Bed. ff. *To the Constables of the Parish of Northill in the said County of Bedford.*

WHereas *Adam Bates*, being, as ^{12 Ann.} he informs me, about the Age ^{Sess. 1.} of 25 Years, was apprehended in the ^{c. 23.} Parish of *Northill* aforesaid, wandering and begging there, and brought
be-

Vagrants.

before me, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County; and upon Examination of the said *Adam Bates* and of *Charles Deer*, taken before me on Oath, it doth appear that the said *Adam Bates* was born at *Sutton* in this County; (or that the said *Adam Bates* is under the Age of 14 Years, and hath a Father living and abiding in the Parish of *Sutton* aforesaid; or that he was found begging in the Parish of *Sutton* aforesaid, where he last passed through unapprehended, as the Case is, and the Place of his Birth cannot be discovered) and it doth not appear to me that the said *Adam Bates* hath obtained any legal Settlement since his Birth: These are therefore to require you to convey the said *Adam Bates* in the next direct Way to the said Parish of *Sutton*, and deliver him to the Constable or other Officer of the same Parish, to be there provided for according to Law, he having been whipp'd as the Law directs. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

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But if the Place of his Birth be out
of the County where he was Taken,
then the Pass to be thus:

Bed. ff. To the Constables of the Pa-
rish of Northill in the said
County of Bedford.

WHereas *Adam Bates* being as
he informs me, about the Age
of 25 Years, was apprehended in the
Parish of *Northill* aforesaid, wander-
ing and begging there, and brought
before me, one of his Majesty's Ju-
stices of the Peace for this County;
and upon Examination of the said
Adam Bates and of *Charles Deer*, ta-
ken before me upon Oath, it doth
appear that the said *Adam Bates* was
born at *Hull*, in the County of *Tork*;
and it doth not appear to me that the
said *Adam Bates* hath obtained any
legal Settlement since his Birth:
These are therefore to require you
to convey the said *Adam Bates* in the
next direct Way to the Parish of *E-*
uerton, in the County of *Cambridge*,
that being the first Town in the next
Precinct,

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Precinct, through which he ought to pass to the said Town of *Hull*, to be thence conveyed on, according to the Directions of the Statute in that Case made and provided: And I do hereby allow the Space of ten Days for his passing to the said Town of *Hull*, the said Vagrant having been first whipp'd in this County, as the Law directs. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Certificate to be sent with a Pass.

Bed. ss. **W**Hereas *Adam Bates*, Vagrant, was by a Pass under my Hand and Seal, bearing Date herewith, ordered to be convey'd from *Northill* in the said County of *Bedford*, to *Hull* in the County of *Tork*: These are to certify whom it may concern, that I did farther direct that the said Vagrant shall be conveyed to *Hull* aforesaid, on Foot, and that the several Constables who should be employed in conveying him from County to County, should be allowed-

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lowed Three-pence *per* Mile for travelling Charges, and no more.

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Order and Certificate of a Justice of the County, through which a Vagrant is passed.

Cantab. ff. *To the Constables of Everton in the said County of Cambridge, and either of them.*

YOU are hereby required to convey *Adam Bates*, the Vagrant mention'd in the Pass hereto annexed, from *Everton* aforesaid, to *Bugden* in the County of *Huntingdon*, that being the first Parish in the next County, in his direct Road to *Hull*, in the said Pass mentioned, the said Vagrant having been whipp'd in this County as the Law directs.

T. B.

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Bed. ff. *To the Constables of Statfold
in the said County of Bedford.*

Convey the within mentioned Vagrants to *Everton* in the County of *Cambridge*, after they have been whipp'd, as the Law directs.

21st July, 1730.

Receiv'd of *John Green*, Constable of the Parish of *Northill*, in the County of *Bedford*, the Person of *Adam Bates*, a Vagrant, together with a Pass and Certificate from *Thomas Bromsall*, Esq; Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Bedford*, directing the said *Adam Bates* to be convey'd to *St. Ives* in the County of *Huntington*, in a Cart.

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**A Warrant against an Headborough
for not removing the Lame and
the Blind.**

**Bed. H. To the High Constable of the
Hundred of Clifton in the
said County.**

W Hereas *Andrew Bell* and *Charles Dawson*, two of the Inhab-
itants of the Parish of *Clifton*, in this
County; did complain to *John Law-
rence*, the Headborough of the said
Parish, in the Absence of *Matthew
Williams*, the High Constable, that
several blind and lame Men, did place
themselves (on the 28th Day of *April*
last) in the Highway of the said Pa-
rish of *Clifton*, and did there beg; to
the great Annoyance and Disturbance
of the Passengers; and the said *John
Lawrence* did not, upon due Notice
thereof, cause them to be removed;
and whereas the said *Andrew Bell* and
Charles Dawson, did within twenty-
four Hours next after such Neglect,
make Oath where the said Men were
found

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found begging: These are therefore to require and authorise you, to levy 10 s. on the Goods and Chattels of the said *John Lawrence*, and that you pay the same to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Clifton*, for the Use of the Poor thereof. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

A Warrant to the Master of a Ship to Transport a Vagrant to *Ireland*, the Place of his Settlement.

Nor. ff. To Matthew Cooper, Master of the Ship called the *Eagle*, now lying at *Lynn Regis* in this County.

12 Anne,
c. 23.

Whereas *Abraham Butcher*, a Vagrant, was apprehended wandering and begging, in the Parish of *Warden* in the County aforesaid, and upon his Examination and other due Proof, it appeareth unto me that the last Place of his lawful Settlement was at *Castle Blaney* in the Kingdom.

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dom of * *Ireland*: I do therefore here-
by require you, to take the said *Abra-*
ham Butcher on board your Ship,
now riding at *Lynn Regis* within the
Limits of this County, and to trans-
port him from thence to *Ireland* afore-
said: And for your so doing, this shall
be your Warrant. Given under my
Hand and Seal, &c.

A Warrant to levy 5 *l.* on the Ma-
ster of a Vessel refusing to trans-
port a Vagrant.

Norf. ff. *To*.

WHereas by a Warrant under my ^{12 Ann.}
Hand and Seal, directed to ^{c. 23.}
Matthew Cooper, Master of the Ship
or Vessel called the *Eagle*, now ri-
ding at *Lynn Regis* within the Limits
of the said County, he was ordered
to take on board the said Ship one
Abraham Butcher, a Vagrant, and to
transport him from thence to *Ireland*,
where he was last legally settled; but
the said *Matthew Cooper* did and doth
still refuse to take the said *Abraham*
Butcher

Vagrants.

Butcher on board his said Ship and to transport him to *Ireland*; by reason whereof, he hath forfeited five Pounds: These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require and authorise you to levy the said Penalty, by Distress and Sale of the said Ship and Goods therein, or so much thereof, as shall raise the said Sum of five Pounds; and that you pay the same to the Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of where the said Vagrant now lyeth for Transportation, for the Use of the Poor thereof. Given under my Hand and Seal, &c.

Weights

Weights and Measures.

A Warrant to levy the Penalty on
a Baker for selling Bread not
of due Weight.

Cantab. ff. *To the Constables of the
Parish of Cottenham
in the said County, and
either of them.*

WHereas Complaint hath been 1 Geo. 1.
Two Jas.
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made unto us, two of his Ma-
jesty's Justices of the Peace for the
County aforesaid, That *Andrew Bar-
ber* of the Parish of *Cottenham* in the
said County, did, on the 25th Day
of *March*, last past, at *Barton* in the
County aforesaid, (there being no
Mayor, Bailiff, Alderman or Chief
Magistrate of the said Place) expose
to Sale Bread wanting its due
Weight:

We therefore, pursuant to the Sta-
tute, did cause the said Bread to be
weighed before us, at *Barton* afore-
said, within three Days after it was
I baked;

* If less
than an
Ounce, it is
2s. 6d.

baked; and it then wanted an Ounce or more of its Weight; whereby the said *Andrew Barber* hath forfeited five Shillings: * These are therefore, in his Majesty's Name, to require you, and either of you, to levy the said Penalty on the Goods and Chattels of the said *Andrew Barber*, by Distress and Sale thereof; and that you pay the same to *James Smith* of *Barton* afore said, who Inform'd us of the said Offence. Given under our Hands and Seals, &c.

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